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WHIG LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS.

Senator Seward Renominated Unanimously.

The United States Senatorship in the House.

HIGHLY INTERESTING DEBATE.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Daily Times.

ALBANY, Thursday, Feb. 1.

The Whig Caucus was held to-night. Sixteen Senators and seventy-four members of the House were present. Hon. J. S. WILLIAMS was appointed Chairman. GEORGE RICHARDS, of the Senate, and C. P. JOHNSON, of the House, were appointed Secretaries. The Caucus proceeded to ballot for a candidate for Senator, with the following result: WILLIAM H. SEWARD, 74; MILLARD FILLMORE, 1; WASHINGTON HUNT, 2; IRA HARRIS, 1; E. D. CULVER, 1. The nomination of Mr. SEWARD was declared by a unanimous vote, and then Lieutenant-Governor RAYMOND was called to address the Caucus. He is now speaking.

J. S. S.

Special Correspondence of the N. Y. Daily Times:

ALBANY, Thursday, Feb. 1, 1855.

The proceedings in the Senate to-day lacked sufficient interest to make them worth mentioning, with an exception or two—one, the Report of the Bank Committee against the bill to prevent the Banks and Banking Associations from discounting on their surplus capital. The other was the notice of a bill to prohibit Bonds and Mortgages being received as a basis of banking.

But in the House there was one of the most interesting debates that I have ever had the gratification of listening to. It was in a measure unlooked for, and as members generally spoke without previous preparation, did yet I venture to say that for off-hand discussion ever took so high a range, or was characterized by greater correctness than that of to-day.

Some days since Mr. PETTY, of your City, introduced a resolution declaring that no person was entitled to the votes of members for the office of United States Senator, who had not, by his past life, shown himself true to the country, to the Union and to the Common Schools. The resolution laid over, under the rules, until yesterday, when it was called up by Mr. PETTY, who proceeded to deliver an address in advocacy which he had written out for the occasion. I heard frequent allusion to the "Church of Rome," the "Church of Slavery," "hauling down the Union," and something about "tornadoes" that had, or were to make and have come here, at some time or other. I failed to arrive at any conclusion as to who would fill Mr. PETTY's Senatorial peasts.

When he had concluded, Mr. C. C. LEIGH rose and commenced to define his position, but had not proceeded far before he was stopped by the adjournment of the House under the rule, and the resolutions and speeches all went over, as it was supposed, to Friday, as this day was "General Order" day.

Contrary to expectation, when the House assembled this morning, by unanimous consent the consideration of the resolution was resumed, and Mr. LEIGH being entitled to the floor, proceeded with his remarks. I have heretofore entertained an indifferent opinion of the ability of this gentleman to make a speech, presented as he generally has, upon any occasion, I suppose, to the country, as the result of preparation. He I have seen, on occasions, I think, far above his usual form. On such occasions, his delivery was calm, impressive and well-timed—the delivery of all other men. Mr. SEWARD never fully understood the requirements of the profession, and that does by himself, but he has taught others how to do it.

Mr. HEADLEY followed Mr. LEIGH on the same side in this issue by Mr. LEIGH—delivered strongly, too, for his first appearance, were substantially, as I understand, that the opponents of Mr. SEWARD had been deserted by the member who had promoted him. It appeared from his remarks that Mr. LEIGH had represented ANDREW STEVENS (Hard-Shell, Soft-Shell and Know-Nothing) to offer a resolution which should afford him an opportunity to develop himself on the Senatorial question. Mr. STEVENS acquiesced, and endeavored Mr. PETTY to introduce the resolve, the two supposing that Mr. LEIGH was to break ground against the reflection of Mr. SEWARD. They were slightly mistaken, and they took it rather hard that it was not the thing. Mr. LEIGH, in reply to Mr. HEADLEY, said that he had been deceived by the gentleman, who had promised to support the resolution, and endeavored to make the impression by which parties had constituted themselves spokesmen and crushed out all individual thought and action. He was so much shocked at the workings of party machinery as the various discussions that year, held a Know-Nothing caucus with a determination of wire-pullers, and his lower round wire-pullers, and in much the same language as could be found in a Democratic caucus of the disgruntled against the Democratic nominee. He had made an observable impression by declaring that he was, he made a change, and had to no members the oaths and obligations under which they (such) had taken oaths of office, but the oaths registered in the memories of their constituents—oaths against sustaining foreigners to office, and against the extension of foreign influence. Much he said therein—much that was well received. Mr. OSBORN, said the representative from Orange, I noted will live and be remembered when the life that will end in a few days, shall be dead and forgotten. Words, Mr. HEADLEY, which reached the heart with the force of a heavy lift and crushing blow—when the representative force gets the bonds under which he now groans and toils, and becomes again the patriot, the Commonwealth and the retired man of business, that had his books and his thoughts on the books of the Nation, and the chain of friends he so much adores, for the strife and turmoils, the calumnies and the antipathies of the political arena at Albany.

The discussion was continued by Mr. STEVENS, of Monroe; Mr. JOHNSON, of Tioga; Mr. Speaker LITTLEJOHN, of Oswego, and Mr. BAKER, of Montgomery, all of whom took decided ground in favor of Mr. SEWARD. The resolution was made the special order for tomorrow, when it is supposed Gen. WALL will develop his entire proportions.

J. S. S.

The United States Senatorship—Highly Interesting Debate.

The following is a condensation of the debate on the United States Senatorship, referred to by our Albany Correspondent:

IN ASSEMBLY, Thursday, Feb. 1.

This being General Order day,

Mr. WAGNER asked consent that the resolution of Mr. PETTY, relative to the United States Senatorship, up yesterday, be taken up, in order that Mr. LEIGH might complete his remarks. Granted.

Mr. LEIGH then proceeded with his remarks, saying that he had attempted to contrast the Roman Senate, which existed in an age of heathenism—an age in which God's beautiful earth was made the scene of desolation and blood, with the United States Senate. And he had referred to the great and momentous questions which would arise in our National Senate, during the next term, and it therefore became the duty of the Legislature to look above party influences to secure the proper Representative. He had been left entirely free on this subject in his district. And although he had no political obligation to double to, or felt bound upon, he felt a higher and much grieved position—that of independence. There were three questions which he asked himself in giving his vote for a United States Senator—1st, is he honest? 2d, is he capable? 3d, Has he proved himself true? These united then he had asked himself if the State had been faithfully represented by the present incumbent? Of the latter inquiry, he could not utter the answer. He (LEIGH) was the sole of the representatives. The Senate would make him an angel. The Senate, a liar. Our people go to conventions; therefore he could not go to his friends or his constituents. How could he go to public meetings, which is acknowledged to be a common liar. But he had evidence—evidence in his written speeches—in his anti-Nebraska speeches, in his speeches against the Nebraska bill, and in the speeches of Mr. SEWARD. These were constituted in their entirety a fund of wisdom, which he recommended to the people of the country, rather than the speeches of any other man. Before he could vote for the person, he had to satisfy himself on the question of his capacity. And by what inquiry or test could he satisfy himself of his capacity? In the speeches of Mr. SEWARD he found a decided character. In the speeches he presented truth the sublime and moral position of the people of the State. He must be also satisfied whether this gentleman, in his public history, was consistent or not with himself. He had been charged with a desire to break up our public school system, and depriving the funds. Now if he could find anything of this kind in his works he could not vote for him. But he could find nothing of the kind. The Public School system of this State was the pride of the people of all the country. If he desired to lay a particular hand on these Schools, he not only ought not to have a seat in the United States Senate, but he ought not to have a seat in the State of New-York. (Mr. L. here read Mr. S. B. COLE read from the second volume, page 315, the sentiments of Mr. SEWARD, urging the opening of our Schools to children of all parents, foreign and native, and teaching them in their own language.) Mr. L. wished to have heard any man who had any other doctrine to propose. He then had read another extract where Mr. S. argues that the school of all children, but not in a manner to perpetuate control or distinctions. Mr. LEIGH then said Mr. SEWARD now throughout our State the children of foreigners on our schools and elsewhere, growing up in ignorance. Seeing these children thus growing up, he asked the question, whether they should be allowed to grow up thus, or be educated in their own language. Their parents were prejudiced against our religion and institutions, and should their children be enforced for that? He claimed that Mr. H. SEWARD was the friend of the Public Schools. It was also said that he was opposed to the reading of the Bible in our schools. Mr. L. turned to the 2d volume, page 316, where at a Sunday School celebration, he said, "Sunday Schools and Common Schools were the great leading institutions of the age." He also commended the work carried on by Sunday School teachers, and considered the Bible the great text-book of our Education. Mr. L. here gave way to a glowing eulogy of the Bible. It was said that Mr. SEWARD was not the wise, the common sense man that we ought to send to the Senate—that he rather the command of religion of higher authority than the laws of man. He had no doubt, he gave credit for Mr. WILLIAM H. SEWARD to get up in the fear of men who made laws, and to say that the laws of God ought to be altered to suit the laws of man. He (Mr. L.) had no doubt this was offensive to the enlightened of these law-makers. But in all that Mr. SEWARD said on this subject, he (Mr. L.) would record the opinion that his most rabid enemies, when they come to read just what he did say, will admit that he has just what he claimed day. Mr. L. had expressed the public doubts on the common language of mankind, the Constitution as defining the powers of Congress in regard to this subject. But there was a "higher law" which was in harmony with the Constitution—that they united in one sentiment. Mr. S. was represented as being silent on the subject of slavery, and sitting in Washington, when he should be in Israel. It was wonderful that he kept his liberty to be limited. Mr. L. read the recommendation of Mr. S. to let slavery exist where it does exist, but restrict it in new Territories, with a view to its ultimate extermination. Here, said Mr. L., was calmness and compromise—no exciting words—nothing too strong. Mr. L. then proceeded in review of Mr. SEWARD's course in the United States Senate on other subjects—the reception of Father MATHEW—the bounty lands, &c. Mr. L. was in favor of the selection of Mr. SEWARD because he had just the courage necessary for the occasion. He stood like a rock in the midst of overwhelming the storm of opposition. His position in the Senate was if a nature calculated to draw from his enemies eulogy, praise. Mr. L. said he believed future generations would acknowledge we had in our midst a great man, and for himself, he believed he was one of those favored men who were never born to die. He believed the measures of this State could be confidently entrusted to this man, because he had honesty, because he stood firm and determined above all mere politicians.

Mr. PETTY moved that the further consideration of this resolution be made the Special Order for to-morrow morning. Carried.

Mr. FRYER moved that the Senate proceed with the discussion now. Carried.

The question before the House was on the amendment offered by Mr. HUNT, when the resolution was up yesterday, to add after the word "true to the cause of human freedom," so that it should read that the Legislature should vote for a man who is true to the cause of human freedom, the interests of the public, the State, &c.

The consideration of the United States Senatorship resolution was resumed.

Mr. STEVENS had thought the resolution of a general nature which would pass by unanimous consent. He could not and acknowledge the good qualities of any man. Democrats generally denounced Seward men with the epithet of "Abolitionists." Seward was not the man who was for the extension of slavery. He was not the man who was for the extension of foreign influence. He was not the man who was for the extension of Papal influence. He was not in favor of foreigners, and opposed to the extension of foreign influence. He was not in favor of the extension of slavery and foreigners.

Another question was the fact that the man of Israel was a man who was for the extension of Papal influence. It was the great doctrine upon which they differed. Seward was opposed to the extension of Papal influence. He was not in favor of the extension of foreigners. He was not in favor of the extension of slavery. He was not in favor of the extension of foreign influence. He was not in favor of

DOT-TINTS ON MY TRAVELS.

[Continued from the Times of Thursday.]

Florence, Thursday, Dec. 28, 1854.

IN Italy, as elsewhere, Christmas begins on Christmas Eve. So we—that is, about thirty Americans, half of them young ladies between sixteen and twenty—agreed to meet at midnight mass and have a good time of it. Out of a variety of Churches, all of them offering some peculiar attraction, either of music, or illumination, or fashion, we chose La Santissima Annunziata. This choice was made by the ladies, who, I believe, on account of the music. Word was given due to enter by the side door, and to penetrate through the cloisters to the rear of the altar and choir, where we should be more snugly and easily situated. One would have thought the matter in hand was a sleigh-ride, and that we were to be packed up in buffaloes. So at 10 o'clock there was a constant ingress of blank Northerners by the side door of the cloisters. They were generally in pairs, after the American fashion—Mr. So-and-so having called for Miss Such-a-one—the mother of the father hovering somewhere in the rear, or at any rate being just visible in the distance, as the Allies say of the Cossacks. This, which would be improper and suggestive at Paris, seems to be as permissible in Florence as in Boston. It reminded me of Thursday evening service at Salem, on which occasions the large attendance of young men and women was not due to the anticipated sermon, nor to the promised collection. We passed through a variety of small rooms, one leading into the other, and where priests were robing themselves for the show. In one were a large number of fantastically habited individuals, preparing to figure in some ceremony of their mystic religion. They were getting ready their sleeves and aprons, and other accoutrements, the property man was making himself useful in furnishing them forth from cupboards. "Well," said Miss So-another who, "I've never been in the green-room of a theatre, and I suppose I never shall but this time; I wonder what it is from this. What will they do?"

At last, we arrived behind the altar. It cut the Church into two unequal portions, that behind accommodating, perhaps, a thousand persons, while the great body of the edifice in front would easily hold ten times as many. There was no communication from one to the other, a large space being reserved across the whole Church for the processions and ratiocinations of the officiators. As it was yet early, we had no difficulty in ascending very dress, choosing our position, and establishing our bivouac. The steps leading to a chapel afforded seats for eight—rather cold and hard, to be sure, but when you invoke what can you expect? Then we purchased half a dozen chairs from a sacristan, and thus provided accommodations for all our ladies. The next point was to defend them from the constantly passing crowds, and to prevent the possibility of their being overset and carried away by a rush from the outside. So we invested them, forming a circle round about them, and enclosing as pretty a parterre of flowers as were ever hedged in by a row of hawthorns and briars. There they sat, somewhat dim at first in the unilluminated space, but by degrees, as the mammoth candles were lighted, becoming the brightest spot in the Church, and throwing what is now known as the Handsome American Corner. If fashionable, now that it is invested, as the Allies favor themselves, in anything like that. I did not wonder that the French are anxious for the result.

At midnight, announced by the grand organ, which had hitherto been silent, we wished each other a Merry Christmas, and a great many of them. An Englishman, passing over the shoulders of a spectator and a correspondent, asked if all American girls were as pretty as these? When the tenor began to sing, and he waited, I thought that we regretted he was not a tenor—or rather, the tone was good, as he would be, for he reaches many American amateurs and even preferred dilettanti on the stage. There was no approach, except the usual shrieky falsetto of a chorus of little boys. A lady near us got excited by the crowd into a sentimental, and fainted very much like an upright mummy in a Pompeian lava to match. The mass was over at half past twelve, and as we went back through the cloisters and the green room, we saw several mountebanks making themselves ready again. On parting, various appointments were made for the next day—some for High Mass at the Duomo, some for the Cascine in the afternoon, and some for Joint Christmas Dinners.

High Mass at the Cathedral or Duomo offered no peculiarity except the presence of the Grand Ducal Family, in three carriages, with six horses each. This unusual splendor for an impoverished Lazzaroni seemed rather out of place, as he is constantly crowding some house upon his loving subjects, and is on the point of sending away the Austrian garrison, which he can no longer afford to pay. The expense to the little Duchy of Tuscany of the Austrian troops who keep this Arch Duke LEOPOLD II. upon the throne, is no less than $10,000 a day for the pay of 10,000 men, besides $7,000 a day for their barracking, forage and rations. The coffers are so low and vulnerable, we see, that the dangerous experiment of imposing even a portion of the body guard is to be tried. As an illustration of the condition of the finances, I may mention that the Government applied some years ago to the Rothschilds of Florence for the loan of $15,000, on mortgage conditions, and could not obtain it. Many are curious to know what is preparing to have—Austria, with certain to the ignorant to favor the idea that Austria is to fight Russia; but the better hint is simply that His Imperial and Royal Highness can no longer pay the cost. I do not see that there is the slightest likelihood of revolt, even if the whole force withdrew. Nor do the Italians anticipate trouble; but the well-to-do citizens mean to manifest their satisfaction at the change, by mingling more in the world and by giving rather more than their parties that has been their wont. Society has been rendered nearly impossible by the presence of the Austrians, and the bad blood engendered by their attempts of entertainment of an impossible sovereign. Death has been frequent, and many spring from the most trivial causes, with sickness being the cause of little. Some years ago, an Austrian officer died of a broken heart, because the Countess of Salvatico, the most fashionable lady in Florence, refused to dance with him. The Tuscan lands are [illegible]

gave the introduction. A glance at the [illegible] made will show us not a few familiar faces, or faces [illegible]

There, [illegible] CHARLES LEVER, teaching his daughter to manage a pony and make him take the leap. The artist-novelist has been long a resident of Florence, and scattered through the Cascine are the originals of the disguised characters in *The Daltons*, his last, and I believe in four volumes. The allusions and imitations being exceedingly personal, it is matter of surprise that his comfort and position here have not been disturbed by them, but the contrary would seem to be the case. The original of the character of Scroop took it in the best of humors. He had told LEVER an amazing quantity of anecdotes about his family and friends, and LEVER worked them all into his book. Moreover, the original of Scroop sitting some time after the publication of the *Daltons*, he met LEVER and said to him, "I say, CHARLES, the n-n-next time you w-w-want to write a n-n-novel, I'll t-t-tell you something about my g-g-grandmother!"

There, driving four-in-hand, is Mr. LIVINGSTON, of New-York. His horses are quite unequaled in Florence, and I do not remember a finer turn-out in Paris, and during Longchamps.

There, conversing with a lady in mourning, is Dr. WILSON, the English physician. I only mention this gentleman to chronicle a remark that he makes, and seems fond of making, to the effect that he has never yet seen an intelligent and educated American woman. It probably happens that the intelligent and educated American women who pass through Florence, enjoy good health and have no need of a physician; in which case Dr. WILSON would be unlikely to see them.

There, muffled in cloaks, though the weather is delightful, and gathered into the corner of a close carriage, though the open air is sunny and warm, is Mrs. TROLLOPE, of American critical celebrity. She is now a withered, feeble, pallid old lady, and if she walks, must be supported on either hand. She is peculiarly attentive to Americans, and seems to seek in some measure to atone for the bitterness of her former treatment of them. Some nights ago, at a musical party, she sent word to a lady present that she should be pleased to be acquainted with her. The lady misunderstood the message, and supposed it was merely a proposition emanating from the third person, and replied that as she had not yet forgiven Mrs. TROLLOPE, she did not think that the acquaintance would be productive of pleasure to either of them. The messenger was awkward enough to report this reply to Mrs. T. But when the American found that a desire to speak with her had been expressed by Mrs. TROLLOPE herself, and that her casual remark had been conveyed to her as an answer, she left her seat, introduced herself, apologized for the apparent rudeness of the message, and she and the authoress remained in animated and agreeable conversation the rest of the evening. Had Dr. WILSON been present, I would have forced him to acknowledge that this American lady possessed both intelligence and education, as well as tact, kind feeling, social capabilities, and a world of virtues and qualities beside.

There, in a cosy brougham, is PATTI, the prima donna of the season, and there, here and everywhere is LEOPOLD DE MAYER, an immense beau, a favorite with the ladies, and not at all paralyzed or disabled in the arms, as sundry authorities have had it. Only there are no pianos in Florence upon which he will exercise his play.

There, standing aloof and smoking, is an Italian six feet high. This man, thought to be a model of a well kept frame and of harmoniously colossal proportions, has sold his skeleton to some anatomical museum, for a stated annuity, to be paid quarterly till he dies. Upon this annuity he lives, and it appears that he can afford to smoke, too. Why the anatomical museum does not poison him and thus limit the period of its pension, I have several times wondered. In this land of the Medici and the Borgias, such a departure from the amenities of life would hardly be an eccentricity.

And here is PONIATOWSKI, considered the first musical opinion and authority in Europe. He is the brother of the PONIATOWSKI just made a Frenchman and a Senator by that disappointed warrior, LOUIS NAPOLEON. He is himself an amateur, and is of great weight with managers and at *ipse dixit* with prima donnas. When Miss HENRIETTA left Florence for Milan, the scene of her *début*, (which by the way takes place to-night,) he gave her a letter to ALBERTINI, the ruling soprano of the locality. ALBERTINI was exceedingly polite to her till she heard her sing, when she became decidedly unpleasant and acrimonious. Another soprano of merit in Milan was a prospect anything but attractive to her. She soon made her enmity felt. PONIATOWSKI, being informed of the state of things, wrote to ALBERTINI that if she rendered herself serviceable and agreeable to Miss HENRIETTA, he would give her the letters to Constantinople that she had asked for, and of which she stood in need—if not, not. I hope, in my next, to report you fully the success of our Yankee prima donna. I have no doubt of her abilities and of her entire preparation; but fear, operating upon the throat, the breath and other delicate organizations employed in producing vocal music, is a most potent and dangerous enemy. I hope for the best; we are to have a telegraphic dispatch, in case of success.

Then here—to return to the Cascine—walking on four legs, acquainted with every one, intimate with all, is Burrasco, the famous, celebrated, dangerous, mysterious terrier. This dog is as well known as the Grand Duke, and is much more popular. He weathers at any *soft* he prefers, making a hearty meal by levying a contribution upon the gentlemen coming there. Being known by every one, he has only to intimate his hunger to be immediately and abundantly fed. After breakfast, he usually goes over to McQUAY'S Banking house, where he has good credit, and takes a siesta upon the rug. In the afternoon, and even the days when there is music, he appears at the Cascine, and makes calls of the carriage doors of the fashionable, like LEPORELLO in MOZART or PONIATOWSKI. He dines as he breakfasts, and goes home with the last person who leaves the café—unless the last is an American officer, in which case he goes home with that last lady. This dog is actually interrupted by the police from the severity of comporting with the great hot weather regulations, and though he is never muzzled, he is never poisoned. I hear that they have a dog of the same character in Rome, who is somewhat more particular in his choice of company, never associating with others than Americans.

[illegible] the rest, and the music has ceased. They will have content than a [illegible] [illegible] were permitted to applaud, [illegible]

the respected right to kiss—and that [illegible] would applaud the Tuscans and kiss the Americans as a matter of course. We all had our expression of feelings, favorable or otherwise, [illegible] severely criticised.

Six o'clock came at last, and with it Christmas dinner; in the evening, we read the President's message, arrived by a snow-bothered *malleport*, between Genoa and Pisa. And then some of us went to sit by the dying bedside of a very young American, whose last Christmas on earth they sought to comfort and console. And such was the Day of the Nativity as we Protestants spent it—much our Christmas in Florence. DICK TEMPLE.

FROM WASHINGTON.

The National Observatory.

Special Correspondence of the N. Y. Daily Times.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Jan. 30, 1855.

In resuming my letters upon the National Astronomical Observatory, I propose to proceed at once with the description of the building, and the uses to which each part of it is devoted.

Immediately under the centre of the main building, and nine feet beneath the surface of the ground, is laid the foundation of a massive central pier of stone and brick work. This pier is fifteen feet in diameter at the base, and is of solid masonry to the height of over ten feet. It is then continued in brick work, ascending through the several floors of the building until it reaches nearly to the level of the roof, where it is capped with flagging stone, on which rests a single block of granite over seven tons in weight—the "stand" for the "equatorial telescope." Not only this pier, but also all those upon which rest the other instruments, clocks, &c., are entirely isolated from the building itself, receiving neither support nor disturbance from the floors or walls. They are, consequently, liable to no changes except those which originate in the ground or in the pier itself.

Such changes there are, and they are by no means imperceptible, nor, what is worse, do they always follow a known law. The greater part of them are the effects of variations of the mean temperature, through different seasons of the year, and are often so regular that one can predict the quantity by which a surface that should be perfectly level shall deviate from its true position, at any given time. We shall have occasion again to speak of this.

Proceeding from the east, west, and south sides of the building are wings, which contain, or—more properly speaking—enclose the instruments for Meridian and Prime Vertical observations. As originally constructed the east and west wings were each 26 feet in length, 21 in width, and one story high—the south differing from them only in being but 21 feet in length. The first has since been extended to double its original length by the addition of a room for a new instrument—and another room for the reception of charts and chronometers, has been added to the east wing. A dwelling for the Superintendent, of the same dimensions with the main building of the Observatory has also been erected at the eastern extremity of this wing.

The visitor, entering the main building, sees immediately before him the circular, tower-like casing which encloses the great pier for the equatorial telescope. Passing to the right of this, he enters the west wing, and is shown the Meridian Transit Instrument, used for the determination of time and of the "Right Ascension" of the heavenly bodies. This instrument consists of a telescope, a little over seven feet in length, with an object-glass of five and three-tenths inches diameter. The tube is grooved and suspended at the centre by an axis cast in bell metal, 42 inches in length, and terminating in pivots of finest steel, which have received their finish from diamond tools. Upon the accuracy of these pivots depends much of the excellence of the instrument, hence the care and labor bestowed upon them.

And here I can call attention to a great principle, recognized by the practical astronomer, as fundamental and essential to his success. No work of human hands ever was or ever can be perfect; more than this, there never was never a work as nearer perfect that its defects were beyond our power of appreciation. Relying upon this, the astronomer sees in his instrument only an approximation to his ideal; and when the scientific artist has done his best, and the finest tools of his art can give to the instrument no more exactness of finish, the astronomer, in his observatory, proceeds to reconstruct it, so to speak, by ascertaining and determining its errors, and studying how to destroy their effect. So with this instrument. Lieut. MAURY found that pivots, though made with as much care, were quite imperfect. They were not equal in size, as they should have been; they were not round, nor was each one of the same size throughout. Their deviations were, it is true, imperceptible to the mechanic's gauge; but the astronomer's standard and his means of measurement are of a far higher order than this. But if he can measure the error, he can calculate the correction also; and this was immediately done, in the case of the transit instrument, so that an observation made while using the defective pivots, is then rendered as correct as though the pivots had been perfect.

The instrument rests upon two granite piers, each a solid block, rising through the floor to a height of seven feet, and separated by an interval of thirty-one inches. To the top of each pier is firmly secured a strong piece of bell-metal, cut for the reception of a pivot; and upon these two pieces rests the whole instrument, the telescope revolving so freely between the piers that a child may wind it at will. The condition to be fulfilled in mounting the instrument, is that the telescope shall revolve *exactly in the meridian*—the axis resting on the piers shall be exactly horizontal, and the imaginary lines passing along the centre of the axis and of the telescope, shall be exactly at right angles to each other. Our principle above mentioned, recognizes neither of these as a thing of possibility, and the astronomer can only bring everything into "adjustment," as it is called, as nearly as he can, and then correct his observations for the yet existing errors, all of which he can measure, though he can not remove them. The application of the necessary subtractions is called the "reduction" of the observations, and is a work requiring much more time and labor than the act of observing; and it is, hence, very easy to accumulate in one night much more material than can be reduced in all the following day.

I stated, also, the uses to which this instrument is devoted. Let us now see how the desired end is attained. Time is measured in various ways, all of them depending, however, upon the motion of the earth, and all consist in referring, in one way or another, the apparent position of some heavenly body to the horizon or meridian of the place. The sailor, in his sensible hour, takes from the nature of the case to the meridian, measures the altitude of the sun or a star from the horizon, and thus learns the time. In a fixed observatory it is better to keep a telescope permanently placed in the meridian, and observe the "transit" of any heavenly body over this line, which, though imaginary, is by no means indefinite. As the hour [illegible] to the meridian, day after day, and year after year, the times of arrival and departure of many of the stars are published in the annual Ephemeris. A few verses [illegible] to be visible with the eye, and an experienced observer of the meridian [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

NOTICES OF NEW BOOKS.

We received a long time ago, from CLARK, ADAMS & Co., a book published by T. R. MARTIN, at Boston, entitled *A Synthetic View of Slavery*, or, *Three Months at the South* in 1854. By NEHEMIAH ADAMS, D. D. We have read the volume carefully through, without discovering anything to lessen our distaste for Slavery, or anything substantially new on the subject. The excellent author went South to see for himself what the great evil with so bad a reputation might be. His amiability made him exceeding impressible, and being "short" in that quality so necessary in a judge—the power of detaining in the mind both sides of a subject, balancing and awarding to each its due weight—he comes back thoroughly convinced to the Southern side of the question. The Doctor would make a good lawyer—he could plead well against Slavery before he went South, and on returning he pleads well for it. But he cannot compare the two views. While looking on the one side, the shield is gold and nothing else, on the other it is all iron. For the author's reputation it is a pity that he ever wrote out his impressions. As for the harm they will do, we feel no concern—the people read the newspapers, and know too much of the subject to be influenced by them.

The Trust Society has issued in a neat form, octavo of 301 pages, bound in sheep, CRUDEN'S *Condensed Concordance to the Holy Scriptures*. This condensation is edited by Dr. JOHN EADIE, Professor of Biblical Literature to the United Presbyterian Church, Scotland, and has passed through fourteen editions in England. It differs from Mr. DODD's reprint of CRUDEN, principally in the omission of the references to the Apocrypha, of unimportant words, and of the definitions. The quotations have also been contracted, but without obscuring them. By embodying the proper names within the work itself, it has secured one feature that is a decided improvement upon the original. It is sold at $1. Marvelously cheap.

We are happy to learn that Dr. E. J. LAWIS' *Hints to Sportsmen*, which LIPPINCOTT, GRAMBO & Co. (of Philadelphia) lately brought out in handsome style, has sold so well that a second edition is issued in still more attractive style, with much additional matter and under a new title, to wit: The American Sportsman, containing hints to *Sportsmen, notes on shooting, and the habits of game birds and wild fowl of America*. The style and substance of the volume, its well engraved illustrations, and its full index, make it a favorite with men who enjoy field sports.

Unto WILLIAM GOWANS we desire to render thanks for giving again to the public, and from STANFORD's translation, PLATO's immortal *Phædo*. WILLIAM GOWANS keeps an antiquarian book store some where down town, and this is not the first standard old work that he has fished out and made common by a cheap and yet worthy edition. This volume has also FENELON's *Life of Plato*, the opinions of ancients, mediæval and modern, on the *Soul's Immortality*, valuable explanatory notes, and a catalogue of all the works known to have been written on a future state.

STANFORD & SWORDS have published in good style the Grace Church Collection of Sacred Music, selected and arranged from the classical works of the great composers, and adapted to psalms and hymns of the Protestant Episcopal Church, with a separate organ accompaniment by WM. A. KING, Organist and Director of Grace. It claims to be a choice selection, and to be appropriate for those who practice sacred music, with the accompaniment of the piano-forte, as well as for choirs. All extraneous matter—such as elementary treatises, chants, sentences and anthems,—are omitted.

JAMES S. DICKERSON (late EVANS & DICKERSON,) has published twelve valuable lectures, by Rev. Dr. WM. HAGUE, under the title of *Home Life*. The duties of wives and husbands, parents and children, masters and servants, mistresses and help, clerks and employers, are all expounded on eloquently, and in a manner to entice readers to the performance of the duties that lie nearest them. The lectures on "The Family Library" is especially to our taste. This is worth the price of the book.

MILLER, ORTON & MULLIGAN publish *The Science and Art of Elocution and Oratory*, containing specimens of the eloquence of the pulpit, the bar, the stage, the legislative hall, and the battle-field, by MOSES PIERSON. We have seen the certificates of several teachers who pronounce very favorably upon the Professor's mode of imparting a knowledge of the art of elocution. The book is a large 12mo. of 466 pages. Price $1 25.

FLETCHER has published three treatises by Dr. ALEX. CARSON, in one volume, to wit: "Examination of the Principles of Biblical Interpretation of EWBANK, AMMON, STUART and other Philologists," "On the Figures of Speech," and "On the Right and Duty of all men to read the Scriptures." The criticisms are sharp, and some men whom we are wont to regard as authorities are handled without tenderness.

Among the small, cheap and elegant English books which RUTTLEDGE & Co. have for sale is Mr. OCTAVIUS FRIERE OWEN'S *Heroines of History*. Classed under the three eras, the Jewish, Classic and Modern, the author presents a brief biographies of most of the celebrated women of history, from Jael down to MARIE ANTOINETTE. Eight illustrations by GILBERT adorn the book.

Poems, by William Winter, is the title of a thin volume published by Geo. W. BRIGGS & Co. The prefatory note tells us that the author is now 18 years of age, and that some of the poems were written four or five years ago. "They are presented as a collection of juvenile poetry," preferring "no claim to peculiar originality."

Tom Crosbie and His Friends, "by SAMUEL LOVER," has been neatly published in the cheap style,—that is, in paper covers and price 50 cents,—by A. BURKE, of Buffalo, and is for sale by ROSS, JONES & TOWNSY, of New-York. It is in good, large type, on clear paper, and has some illustrations. But did LOVER write *Tom Crosbie*? We doubt it very much.

A volume of Sermons, "chiefly practical," has been prepared for the public by Rev. CHARLES LOWELL, who, for nearly half a century, has ministered to the West Church in Boston. The author's numerous friends will thank TICKNOR & FIELDS for this volume, which is brought out in their usually clean and attractive style.

STRINGER & TOWNSEND are commendably prompt in their reissue of COOPER's novels. We have refreshed ourselves with a re-reading of *The Spy*, and have taken a chapter or two in *Wing and Wing*, both of which have just appeared in the uniform black muslin and gilt of the *The People's Edition*.

Avillion and Other Tales is the title of No. 195 of HARPER's Select Novels—a collection of some thirty tales, by the author of *The Ogilvies*. We cannot speak of all of them with equal assurance, but the half dozen that we have read are very pleasing and well written. Paper, 8vo., 50 cents.

Dr. SYLVESTER MAZZUCHELLI has made arrangements with RUTTLEDGE to publish his Autobiography and Political and Literary Reminiscences, with Selections from his correspondence during the last 25 years. Mr. MAZZUCHELLI will tell "the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth," a spicy book may be looked for.

NEW-YORK CITY.

VISIT OF THE GOVERNORS.

Meeting of the Life Saving Association.

The Life Saving Association held a meeting yesterday morning in the room over the office of the Atlantic Insurance Company, corner of Wall and William-streets. Their Excellencies Governors CLARK and DUTTON, the Collector REDFIELD, the President of the Chamber of Commerce, the President of the Board of Underwriters, Hon. E. BROOKS, and N. H. OSGOOD, Esq., were present.

On motion, Mr. PERIT, President of the Chamber of Commerce, took the Chair. N. H. OSGOOD, Esq., was chosen Secretary.

Mr. OSGOOD read the proceedings and resolutions adopted at a meeting of the Surfmen and others, at Tom's River, Ocean County, New-Jersey, on 20th of January, 1855, recommending to Congress that as many associations have been formed for the purpose of saving life, the means provided for this purpose should be of such a nature that those who are called upon as the acting and moving power of such means, should have entire confidence in them; and as to the efforts put forth by the Surfmen to save life and property without pay, their purpose is impugned, and their names given forth to the world as Barnegat Pirates.

It was therefore resolved that the intention of Congress in making appropriation should be carried out to the fullest extent; hence it was important that the very best means should be adopted to carry out the end intended, and therefore the most efficient force would be brought into action. Hence it was deemed necessary to abandon the life or surf-boats now in use, and in their stead surf-boats be constructed of materials as reported by the Committee, and that they would be entirely useless unless a sufficient force be employed to man them, and apparatus be always on hand for that purpose.

That the men who leave their families and homes for the purpose of rendering assistance to those in danger, should have some small remuneration for their services.

That unless new kinds of boats are procured and the surfmen receive a remuneration for their labors, the appropriations made and the energies put forth by the Superintendent of the Coast in erecting houses and procuring means, will be worse than folly, for no force will be found to risk their lives in behalf of the sufferers; for already the very best surfmen refuse to go near the beaches, with the fear that their feelings will prompt them to risk their lives in what they consider unsafe boats; and in order that something may be done, they urged the Committee to communicate with the President of the United States and the Secretary of the Treasury, relative to the facts of these existing difficulties.

That they hurl back with indignation and scorn, *the base slander heaped upon the surfmen*, of being land pirates and thieves.

That *the letter written by a Mr. FRANCIS*, to the Secretary of the Treasury, censuring Colonel DUNHAM, Superintendent of Life-Saving Station on the coast of New-Jersey, was false in every particular, and that Col. DUNHAM has acted thus far, consistent with his duty in his official capacity; and further, that Mr. FRANCIS' boats now in use were considered, on the coast, entirely useless for the ends in view.

The report was referred to a Committee, with power to report thereon to Mr. GUTHRIE, Secretary of the Treasury. The gentlemen selected were Messrs. Collector REDFIELD, Chairman JONES and N. H. OSGOOD. In consequence of Governor CLARK being obliged to leave at 12 o'clock, the meeting adjourned without transacting any further business.

Aid in Cases of Shipwrecks.

The Collector has received a mortar, with a coil of rope, from the Navy Department. Experiments have been made at Washington under the direction of the Treasury Department, which resulted in successfully throwing a line for a distance of nearly half a mile.

KNOW-NOTHINGISM.

Lecture on the Republic, by E. W. Andrews.

A lecture was delivered on Wednesday evening, in the Tabernacle, by Mr. E. W. ANDREWS, on the subject—"Our Republic in its Relations to Foreigners and to Foreign Nations." About sixty *persons were present*.

The lecturer commenced by adverting to the theory advanced by the progressive philosophers of the age, that all nations will be merged into one, and the distinctions of nationalities will cease. He considered that nations were inherent in the constitution of society. If the British Channel were filled up it would not make a Frenchman an Englishman—if the Danube were bridged, it would not make an Austrian a Turk. No nation had existed, he said, which attained excellence in any department, that had not a strong feeling of nationality. Nothing could so emasculate and degrade our nation as to ignore its individuality. The growth of a nation is from within outward—it is organic. How absurd it would be to nail slabs around a tree, and call them a part of the tree. A sand hill is not a rock, so an agglomeration of citizens is not a nation. Whatever of knowledge and goodness we have of native growth, we cannot impart them. In spite of the unfavorable circumstance of the increase of foreign emigration, we are one; we have a past; our country is dear to us. [Cheers.] The lecturer quoted the lines commencing,

Breathes there a man with soul so dead—

And added, that man whose heart goes not out towards the roof-tree of his home and the soil of his country—to him patriotism is a word without meaning, and love of country a sentiment utterly alien to his soul. The lecturer then spoke of the frivolous objection that our ancestors a few generations back were foreigners, and dismissed it with the reminder that this might be said of the citizens of all countries. He then quoted from JEFFERSON to show that he felt alarm at the influx of foreigners even in his time, and would prefer to wait for the natural increase of our own population. He proceeded to consider the evils of this immigration, and the aggregation of large masses of foreigners. He deprecated the appointment of foreigners to represent us in foreign nations—men who might act as the Red Republicans of Europe, rather than as true citizens of the United States, and whose conduct often threatened to embroil us in a war in the interest of a faction of some foreign nation. They had seen paupers and convicts exercising the rights which should belong only to the native born; and they had seen them even exclude the sons of our country from the polls. The Naturalization law was openly violated in every State of the Union. The great question, then, was whether we should have our present laws rigidly enforced, or whether we should have an entire revision of them. The necessity for naturalization of any kind had ceased. We were filling up our country to the Rocky Mountains with our own sons and daughters, and they were pouring into the plains of the Pacific. We have need of no foreign aid. Our nation is second to none on earth. We are in a condition to say to them, "You may come and enjoy the freedom of our country, and the protection of our laws. But we cannot allow you to have anything to do with our Government. That trust is too sacred to be trusted to strangers." [Cheers.] He spoke of the beggary and crime which were thrown upon our country by foreign Governments. He then gave the statistics of immigration, and stated that if it should increase at its present rate until 1860, millions of millions of emigrants will have been landed on our shores. He spoke of the religious aspects of this constantly and alarmingly increasing immigration. It was well known that while one class of immigrants were principally disbelievers in Christianity, another was almost entirely composed of Catholics. Infidelity, he said, did not afford a sufficient basis for the permanent establishment of freedom, and Catholicism was totally opposed to its spirit. He considered at some length the alleged change of the Romish Church in her practice, and the assertion that she desired only equal rights with other Churches. He went into a criticism of her policy, past and present—always an advocate of toleration where she had not the power to persecute. He represented her as presenting in the outer courts of her temples forms shapeless as vapor, while in the gloomy recesses of her penetralia she stands an iron statue rusting in the blood of centuries. The lecturer next turned his attention to the wild Socialists of the other great class of immigrants, subversive alike of the rights of property and the tenets of Christianity. The basis theories of property which they propounded had been vaunted in this City, and the Police were powerless to prevent them. Establishments had indeed sprung up, in open defiance of the laws of decency and morality, in the neighborhood of Houston-street. If our Republic had reason to thank anything for her present proud position among nations, it was her church influences. He was much, but let her thank the influence of Christianity more. He repeated the statement of a recent lecturer, that when Peter the Hermit led his hosts to Palestine, not a chicken was hatched in Europe that was not hatched by a hen. He said that that was all very well, but when he took prussic acid, prussic acid did not become him, and so when the country was annually swallowing some hundreds of thousands of foreigners, it was not strange that she had the little head-ache and nausea which had sometimes exhibited themselves in the body politic. At least so said one Dr. SAUR—an extensive practitioner in this country. Mr. ANDREWS carried out his principles to their logical consequences—protection, non-intervention and non-annexation. If this Republic was to be preserved and advanced to that high and glorious destiny which God has marked out for the lovers of freedom, it must be an American Republic, governed upon the principles upon which our Protestant fathers planted our institutions, principles which were derived from the Bible and commended by the latest breath of our purest patriots. [Loud applause.]

Chamber of Commerce.

The regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held yesterday at the Merchants' Bank, Wall-street. After the usual preliminaries, Mr. ISAAC H. SMITH was elected a member of the Committee on arbitration to fill vacancy.

CALEB BARSTOW, Esq., of the Committee on the subject of the Usury laws, reported that the Memorial of this Board to the Legislature had been referred by the Assembly to the Committee on Judiciary, and by the Senate to the Committee on Commerce. Mr. BARSTOW stated that there was a fair prospect of the passage of laws upon the subject, which should be more satisfactory to the public than those at present existing.

A communication from the Boston Board of Trade, referring to the improvement of the condition of Seamen, and various other subjects, was received, and, on motion, the subjects embraced within the communication were referred to the Special Committee on ships' appraisers.

Mr. BROWER offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That Mr. E. MERIAM is not a member of this body, and that as the sense of this Chamber of Commerce, Mr. E. MERIAM has not been authorized to speak or act for it in any place or manner, pro or con, upon the subject of Harbor Encroachments, nor upon any other subject; that where persons do not act by authority of this Chamber, duly authenticated, it is not responsible for anything which may be said or done by any such unauthorized person.

After some considerable discussion, in which Messrs. BROWER and SMITH advocated the adoption of the resolution and Messrs. BARSTOW and BLUNT *opposed it, the resolution was* laid on the table.

The Chamber then adjourned.

Steamship Ocean Bird—The Fast Steamer.

This fine vessel, which was built by Mr. WM. E. NORRIS, of Green Point, and which is intended to beat "all creation" in general, and John Bull in particular, is now lying at the foot of Eighth-street. She is, as nearly as we can judge, about 1,200 tons burden, and has three decks, the upper being a flush-deck, which has, we understand, been added since she was launched. The carpenters are still at work upon her, but expect to be finished in the course of a week or two.

Her machinery is being built at the Neptune Iron Works, foot of Eighth-street, by Messrs. GUION, BOARDMAN & Co. She is to have a beam engine, with cylinder 65 inches in diameter, and 12 feet stroke of piston.

It is expected she will be ready for sea about the 1st of May.

They are Married and Given in Marriage.

Weddings by Aldermen are becoming quite numerous—they were always rather "common." On Wednesday afternoon Alderman BAIRD bound together in wedlock's bonds, at the Fourth Ward Station House, a sprig of the Emerald Isle and a buxom widow. Capt. DITCHETT officiated as Clerk. The happy bridegroom hailed from Meriden, Connecticut. The blushing bride appeared so much *affected by the ceremony as to be unable to answer* the interrogatory respecting the time of her coming in this sublunary sphere. The gallant Alderman performed the ceremony with becoming gravity, and at its conclusion shook the happy couple cordially by the hand, but very negligently neglected to give the lady the customary salutation.

Commodore Vanderbilt's New Ship, the "Ariel."

The *Post* has an account of a new steamship now finishing for Commodore VANDERBILT. We copy:

She is *twenty-three* hundred tons burden, and named the *Ariel*, diagonally iron-braced throughout, and considered as strongly built as any steamship of her class afloat. She has three decks. The entire main-deck is fitted up for first-class passengers, and the between-decks will be used for freight. She has a straight stem, with billet-head, similar to that of the famous steamer *North Star*, and a round stern, ornamented with a large carved eagle. The *Ariel* has a single beam engine, furnished by the Allaire Works, in Cherry-street. All of her machinery has been put into the hull on the stocks. *The joiners are now at work upon the saloons and* cabins, which are to be finished in a style corresponding with the other steamers of the Commodore. She will be completely equipped, with the exception of steam, and launched on the 20th of this month. After her launch she will be in a condition to be fitted for sea in a very few days. It was the intention of her builder to have launched her with steam up, but he found that the water was not sufficiently deep to admit her with a rudder into this part of the East River. The estimated value of the *Ariel* is about $300,000.

The Massachusetts.

Yesterday, at the United States Marshal's office, the *Massachusetts* was bonded by her owners in the sum of $40,000 to answer a charge of violation of the Neutrality laws. The Captain, against whom had been commenced a civil prosecution for false invoice, has given bail to the amount of $1,000 to answer the same.

Governor Clark and the Commissioners of Emigration.

A Committee of the Commissioners of Emigration, composed of Capt. CRABTREE, Vice President, Commissioners WITTHAUS, KELLY and PURDY, called upon Gov. CLARK yesterday morning, at the Astor House, for the purpose of inviting his Excellency to visit the institutions under their control. His Excellency said he was obliged to decline, in consequence of his hurried departure from Albany, and the necessity of his hasty return; but that in the course of the month, when the business of the Legislature would admit, he, with the Lieutenant Governor, and a Committee of both branches, would visit those Institutions.

☞ The owners of the ship *Tiagua*, wrecked on the 11th ult. off Cape Hatteras, have presented to Captain WEEKS, of the schooner R. L. Myers, and to Captain DAVIS, of schooner *Howard*, of Newbern, N. C., each a beautiful gold watch, in acknowledgment of their humane conduct and efficient services in rescuing the Captain and crew of the *Tiagua* from a watery grave.

☞ The *Salem*—that unhappy frigate, whose keel has once rotted on the stocks—is actually to be launched into "her native element," as aspiring reporters say. The event takes place to-morrow. It has been postponed for thirty years.

Mayor's Black Book.

The following complaints were entered at the *Mayor's office yesterday*:

Thomas Williams complains that one John Loos, from Jersey, is training for a pugilistic fight, at the Derby House, corner of Third-avenue and Seventy-first-street.

T. W. Kelly, of No. 318 Twenty-fourth-street, complains that a large pile of cast-ashes, in front of Nos. 89 and 91 Chambers-street, has been there for the last month, obstructing the street very much.

John Mead complains that J. A. Dolson blocks up the southwestern corner of Hudson-street with building materials of every description.

John J. Morris, corner of University-place and Twenty-street, complains that some small sale-shops, selling goods from his wagons, and that the Police are totally incompetent for the suppression of the nuisance in the neighborhood.

J. Brummel, of No. 267 Houston-street, complains that the cattle have been driven every day, for several weeks past, through Houston-street, and through the vicinity of Hester-street and Varick-alley for several weeks past.

A large number of carcasses, dead of lung[illegible], of innocent cattle are left stinking in Sullivan-street, near Houston, which greatly annoy the inhabitants in the vicinity.

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New-York Daily Times.

NEW-YORK, FRIDAY, FEB. 2, 1855.

☞ J. B. Lovell, Boston, Pa., is agent for the Daily Times at that place. Single copies, or by the week or month, can be had by applying to him.

Congressional.

A petition from Mr. Benson, of the city of Brooklyn, was presented in the Senate yesterday, asking for compensation for damages sustained in taking guano from the Lobos Islands, under the sanction of the United States. Mr. Benson's case, our readers will remember, created quite a sensation in political and commercial circles a little more than two years since. The venture was taken by Mr. Benson and friends, on the authority of a private letter from Daniel Webster, then Secretary of State, which they construe into an official act. A joint resolution for the establishment of a weekly mail between San Francisco and some point on the Mississippi—the time, each trip, to be fourteen days, and the postage, prepaid fifty cents per half ounce—was read and ordered to be printed. The consideration of the Army Appropriation bill was resumed, and several additional speeches made.

In the House, the action of the Committee of the Whole striking the enacting clause from the bill authorising the construction of a Subterranean Telegraph from the Mississippi or Missouri River to the Pacific, was negatived, and a substitute, striking out the grant of two millions acres of land, reserving the right of way, and extending the penal laws of the United States over the line for its protection, was agreed to, and the bill passed. There was an interesting debate on the bill establishing the office of a Surveyor General at Utah and granting lands to actual settlers. An amendment was offered by Mr. Disney, which was adopted, merely retaining the provision relative to the establishment of a Surveyor General, and granting lands for Schools and University purposes.

The Senator Question.

Our Albany advices inform us that yesterday was devoted in the Assembly to a discussion of the propriety of reflecting Senator Seward. Some considerable bitterness was exhibited by his opponents in consequence of the manner in which the discussion was commenced. It seems that several days since Mr. Petty—one of the members from this City—offered a resolution at the request of Mr. Lazier, also from this City, declaring that, in the present condition of parties, every member ought to obey solely his own convictions of right in voting for Senator. Yesterday Mr. Lazier made an able speech on the resolution, arguing from its premises the propriety and duty of voting for Governor Seward. His speech was very clear and very strong, and carried very great weight with the House. In reply, Mr. Lazier, instead of being answered, was vehemently assailed—and we are sorry to add by Mr. Headley—for having done a dishonorable act in procuring Mr. Petty to offer the resolution, and then in speaking on the opposite side from that which he was expected to take. The attack, which was evidently the result of passion instead of judgment, was an unfortunate prelude to the still more unfortunate plea which was urged against Mr. Seward. Mr. Headley conceded his ability and his devotion to Freedom, and declared that his steady and firm resistance to the encroachments of Slavery would, under other circumstances, have commanded his applause and support. But he could not vote for any man who would not pledge himself not to appoint foreigners, (by which term Mr. H. evidently meant naturalized citizens,) to office, and he took occasion furthermore to remind members of the obligations of their *oaths*,—referring not to their oaths of office, but to certain other oaths which bound them to vote according to the dictation of bodies with which they were connected. These oaths, he said, would live after they were dead. The very bold presentation of such an argument aroused a good deal of feeling in the Assembly,—and Mr. Headley was answered in eloquent and impressive terms by the Speaker, Mr. Littlejohn, by Mr. Baker of Montgomery County, and by other members. The Speaker took the ground that if any member had unguardedly taken an oath at variance with his *oath of office*, which binds him to act upon his own conscientious convictions of duty and of right, fidelity to conscience required him to discard and repudiate it instantly. Mr. Baker urged the claims of Senator Seward on the ground of his thorough and entire devotion to the great American principle of religious toleration, and declared his unwillingness to engraft upon his creed the Romish doctrine of proscription for the sake of religious opinion. Mr. Headley had laid very great stress upon the duty of members to discard all *party* bonds,—to release themselves from the drill and discipline of political organizations, and to act upon their own convictions of justice and of right. He was answered by reference to the very palpable inconsistency between this position and what he had said of the obligations of members to secret councils,—and to the relentless character of the party discipline by which those councils endeavor to coerce the action of members upon this subject.

Our correspondent gives an outline of this debate, which seems to have been one of unusual interest. We observe that the discussion is to be resumed this morning. We are glad of this,—for in the present state of the country, in view of the encroachments of Slavery and its evident endeavor to obtain absolute control of all departments of the Federal Government, the election of United States Senator is really the most important question before our Legislature. It ought to be thoroughly and earnestly discussed,—and every interest of the public, as well as every prompting of private duty, requires that it should be decided on *its merits*, and not by the distortion of outside influences of whatever character.

We cannot help believing that the Know-Nothings have made a very great mistake in taking part in this Senatorial Election. If they should succeed in defeating Senator Seward, they will be held to a fearful responsibility, not only by the friends of Freedom in this State but by the enemies of Slavery aggression throughout the North. There are thousands and tens of thousands in the Northern States, who are profoundly impressed with the necessity of reform in the laws and political usages of the country concerning foreigners, and who will naturally and inevitably take part in the American movement, but who are also clear and immovable in the conviction that the *first* and most imminent danger comes from the encroachments of Slavery,—and that *this* danger must first be met. These men will never forgive those who shall betray the cause of Freedom under pretence of serving the cause of Native Americanism. And the defeat of Senator Seward,—who is universally recognized, South as well as North, as the great champion of Free Principles,—by the Know-Nothing Order, will array against it, and against all who shall take part in the machinations by which that is to be accomplished, the undying hostility of thousands who, under other circumstances, would be its friends. The success of that portion of the Order which seeks Gov. Seward's defeat, would be the heaviest blow it could receive.

The Mormons in Utah.

No feature of Mormonism is more striking than the zeal with which its leaders seek recruits in the uttermost parts of the earth. The proclamations and reports which they have issued from time to time, show that their agents are in every country of the civilized word,—using all the arts in their power to make converts to their faith and to replenish the population of their territory. In the rural districts of Great Britain they meet with marked success in these endeavors. By the most barefaced falsehoods they succeed in alluring every year thousands of men and women to the abandonment of their homes and the embrace of the beastly sensualities of this filthy imposture. A land so situated and so fertile as Utah, ought to be the seat of better things. Placed in close proximity to California, and directly in the pathway over which Eastern and Western commerce must eventually travel, abounding in resources and teeming with agricultural wealth, few lands could offer a fairer field of labor or a richer promise of reward to the European immigrant. But while Mormonism rests as a nightmare on the heart of this fair Territory, even the laborer who surrenders himself to its influences flies only from destitution and servitude at home to become the victim of a still deeper destitution and of a still harsher servitude abroad. The old knaves of Utah are far greater tyrants than either Nicholas or Victoria. The Polish and Irish serf may be in rags, but at least the sacred hearth and holy influences of home are not invaded. In Utah there is no home. For the Salt Lake Elders there is no God but Mammon and no Gospel but the Gospel of the flesh. The Irish, English or German serf in Utah cannot work unless he works for the benefit of the Elders, and cannot marry because he is not permitted to acquire the means of supporting a wife. Should he marry without their consent, his wife and daughters are doomed to a prostitution which is surrounded with threefold atrocity, by being, with huge blasphemy, committed in the name of God.

It would be indeed matter of rejoicing to us if we could hope that our warning voice, reaching Europe, might have the effect of defeating any of the tricks with which the agents of Mormonism ply their unhallowed calling. The ingenuity of their manœuvres would be deemed incredible, had it not been exposed by the most trustworthy persons. Perhaps the favorite among the many artful dodges of these gentry is to have letters addressed from Salt Lake City to persons in this City, and in most of the cities in Europe, furnishing golden accounts of the happiness which reigns in the Mormon elysium, and enclosing a bribe to the recipient for obtaining its insertion in the journals of the day. The trick is carried out with such artless ingenuity, and the postage stamp and tone of the letter afford such overwhelming evidence of its genuineness, that the wariest editor is often beguiled, and scarcely a week elapses without some leading American or European journal containing a bundle of rosy fictions, that Utah is a paradise, and that contrary to all experience, six women, and these wives *of one man*, can live together in harmonious concord. When the American papers become the victims of such knavery, we can hardly wonder that European journals fall so ready a prey to these letter-writing impostors. The Mormon Elders can afford to pay highly for this work; and unfortunately, where there is good pay and demand, there will always be supply, be the work ever so filthy. And we doubt not, too, these ingenious concoctors find as high an intellectual gratification as their depraved nature is capable of receiving, in the triumph of seeing so many fictions devoured as truth. These infamous arts would hardly be deemed credible had we not irreproachable testimony to their existence in the recent book of Mr. Ferris, and in the report of a European friend, who, in a recent visit to Kansas, fell in with many of his own country's victims, and received from them accounts of the infamous licentiousness and oppression of Young & Co., which throw anything we have narrated in the shade, and fearfully call for the protest of every Christian.

As far as our own country is concerned, it is difficult to overrate the growing importance of the Territory of Utah. We do not desire to indulge in any glowing anticipations of the accomplishment and results of a great Pacific Railway, making our country the highway between the Eastern and Western Hemispheres. But, however the realization of this giant project should temper expression in regard to its importance, we cannot look back upon those other gigantic conquests of time and space which the last half-century has effected, without losing somewhat of our soberness of thought, and without taking to our minds more and more the practicability of the great work, which has already received a solid support from so many of our highest merchants. Prominent among the territories to be benefited by the projected railway stands Utah. Shall we thus allow a prospect so full of hope to be dashed by a few senile sensualists, and shall the hordes of Asia, who in course of time may be expected, as those of Europe, to seek a home in our free land, find among the earliest examples of the civilizing influences of Christianity, and the first fruits of American freedom, a country steeped in oppression and iniquity, and cities which vie in affluence of immorality with Sodom and Gomorrah! The world's history shows how much easier it is to prevent evil seeds from being sown than to extirpate the vicious weeds which they germinate. But even had we not that prescient care which every citizen should feel for the future welfare of every portion of the country to urge us, we still even should deem it a duty to humanity to point out the iniquities enacted *this very hour* on this soil, and to forewarn those ill-fated Europeans, whose ignorance and superstition make them facile victims of the agents of the filthy dynasty of Salt Lake.

In many portions of Great Britain and Ireland, Anti-Mormon societies have been already organized, and this is a step in the right direction. But unfortunately the organizers of this movement have no real conception of the infamy which prevails at the Salt Lake, and crediting the glittering falsehoods of hireling letter writers as to the material prosperity and happiness of the Mormons, base their opposition solely upon religious grounds instead of exposing the Mormon chiefs as a herd of profligate swindlers, and thus really defeat their object and play into the hands of the Mormon agents, by arousing the zeal and fanaticism of the Pro-Mormon party. The *Examiner* certainly, and some other weekly European journals, have reviewed with favor Mr. Ferris' work, and spoke to their countrymen words of warning. But their voice is never heard by the poor and ignorant peasant of Lancashire, Wales or Tipperary, nor does it travel to the benighted homes of Sweden, Denmark, Norway and Germany, people who by their peculiar dreaminess of disposition are always rife for anything which wears a politico-religious shape. These deluded dreamers are hunted up by Mormon agents, in whose hands they deposit all the money they can raise, and receive in return an undertaking to convey them safe and free of expense to the El Dorado of their hopes. Those only who have traveled on board these vessels of emigration can conceive the horrors to which they are exposed before reaching the haven of Salt Lake. Far happier however are they, and they are many who perish on the journey, than those who on reaching their destination soon learn to curse the pestilence and waves which spared their lives but to doom them to an existence of slavery, degradation and shame.

City Charter—Important Movement in Common Council.

We learn that a Special Committee of the Board of Aldermen, at a series of informal meetings, have resolved upon applying to the Legislature for the passage of a *New City Charter*. The details of the bill differ in material respects from the amendment proposed in the Assembly on the 8th of January, by Mr. Stuyvesant. The Aldermen, so far as we understand the matter, have acted without consultation with the Board of Councilmen. It is proposed (as in Mr. Stuyvesant's bill,) that the Board of Councilmen be abolished, to give place to the old Board of Assistant Aldermen;—that it shall be the duty of the Mayor, on the first Monday of January, 1856, and thereafter immediately after being sworn into office, to nominate to the Board of Aldermen for confirmation, an *Executive Council*, consisting of a Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, Chief of Police, an Engineer (not President) of the Croton Aqueduct, a City Inspector, and a Commissioner of Repairs and Supplies, to assist him in the discharge of the Executive duties of the City;—that if these nominations be rejected, the Mayor shall, within five days thereafter, nominate other *and different* persons for said Executive Council;—that it shall be the duty of the Mayor, in addition to the more ordinary duties of his office, to exercise a constant supervision and control over the conduct and acts of all subordinate officers; that all persons requiring any franchise *or grant*, shall be required to purchase, at a fair appraised valuation, all the property actually necessary for the purposes of such grant or franchise;—and that the act shall go into effect on the first day of July, 1855, without a previous vote of the citizens.

The remaining sections of this bill, as agreed upon by the Committee, do not differ from the provisions of the Charters of 1849 and 1853—portions of both of which are incorporated into this. The clauses in relation to contracts for all work exceeding the sum of $250, and in regard to the bribery of members of the Common Council, are allowed to remain in full force.

The peculiar features of the amendments recommended by the Committee are embodied in the summary we have given above. The action of the members of the Board has not taken air, and we are left in ignorance of the reasons which have been urged in the Committee for the important changes which are suggested. It is proposed that the power of impeachment shall be vested in the Board of Assistant Aldermen, *one* of whom is to be elected from each Ward; and it is further desired that the Common Council shall receive power to levy taxes without the form of an application to the Legislature. Municipal elections shall take place in the Fall, at the time of the State election. We understand that one or more members of the Committee were in favor of holding City Elections in the Spring. This point, however, was not urged. The phrase "franchises or grant," in the section relating to leases of Corporation property, is intended, we presume, to reach the cases of the City Railroad Companies, about which there has already been much debate and no small trouble. The remaining amendments have no especial bearing upon individual enterprises. The bill will be at once dispatched to Albany.

Whom Shall We Help?

We hear that there is distress in our City,—we see it, we know it, we feel it, and the need is great. The demand regulates the supply, and every heart and hand is open. Charity is fashionable. As a natural consequence, not only have more and more cases of want and destitution come to light, but of imposture also. We have never known them so rife as this Winter. Aside from the misery caused by vice and intemperance, we have most violent and incurable cases of idleness and dependence. There is a class of our population who claim our charity as a right; who, accustomed to regard the more prosperous classes as possessing, by inheritance, property and privileges to which they have no other claim, consider themselves injured and oppressed, and as having a perfect right to get all they can from those above them. They do not recognize the different state of things among us, nor remember that most men earn their own bread and make their own way.

Without moral or religious principles, they scruple at nothing which may gain for them the pity and charity which they see so cheerfully accorded; and our people are too readily imposed upon.

Instances have come to our knowledge perfectly heart-sickening, and which showed a depth of moral depravity, united with a fertility of invention, startling to the uninitiated.

A woman who for a long time imposed upon various individuals by an appearance of extreme poverty, in a genial fit of intoxication revealed to one of them other well-furnished rooms, and a supply of provisions for the Winter. A family of respectable appearance supported themselves for a long time, and perhaps do so still, by collecting for the family of a deceased sailor.

Accident has revealed the existence of the able-bodied husbands of a "poor widow with five small children," who had kept up the imposition for years.

A friend of ours helped once to support a mother with her children, who kept up a show of most ardent piety in the midst of her sorrows, where the end revealed a system of hypocrisy, deceit and vice, maintained through a course of years.

A girl was recently offered employment and good compensation, when the father declined, frankly saying he could make more money from "Societies." His five children each applied to a different Society, and he made from five to ten dollars a week by it!

A man sent his children round begging, and refused employment at a dollar a day when offered him, saying if he could not get twelve shillings, he would not work at all.

A family exhausted the benevolence of a whole neighborhood for themselves and a sick man, "hopelessly bedridden." A visitor soon afterwards found him removed to another family, in another location, making new drafts on the charitable.

Men are out with very honest-looking subscription-books for some of the Industrial Schools now so much in public favor, and, as all must admit, so useful. These Schools are supported among the ladies by private solicitation, and, so far as we can learn, no one has in any case been employed to collect for any of them.

These are but a few of scores of instances which might be named, and some of them had defied close scrutiny. We mention them as a caution to all to know before they give.

With our associations for the relief of the poor and their numerous visitors, and with our City Missionaries carefully ferreting out all cases of destitution, we need seldom give on merely the words of the applicants. We would not refuse bread to the hungry, and rent we might pay directly to the landlords; but it is usually unsafe to give money, unless we are very sure of its destination. One suggests to us that a *black book* kept by some of our societies might help much in detecting many of the most flagrant cases of imposture. There is really danger that those who receive will lose what remains to them of self-respect, and learn that it is easier to live on charity than to work,—a lesson more readily learned than forgotten. We repeat the injunction to the charitable—be sure you know to whom you give, especially when your gift is money. Do it for the sake of the deserving, and that no harm may grow out of your gift.

Public Occasions and Newspaper Reporters.

A weekly journal calls attention to the invitation extended by the Ten Governors to the State Legislature to visit the Institutions. It hopes that the members of the Press "will note what they see fairly and honestly," in case any of them accompany the Legislature on their tour of inspection. And it adds:

"For the honor of our profession we hope the reporters of the Public Press will vindicate their own respectability by repudiating and exposing hangers-on, and refusing any and all polite offers of 'hospitality' themselves. * * * Let them not touch a penny's worth of the $1,500. In such case they can criticise and condemn, should necessity demand it."

This is good advice. The number of unscrupulous hangers-on, who frequent public places on occasions of this kind, under the plea of connection with *the Press*—a convenient and very much abused scapegoat—is surprisingly large. If the Board of Governors, in extending their invitations to the newspapers, would take the trouble to require the reporters who are assigned the duty of attending upon their movements on such occasions, to *exhibit their cards of admission*, and so to provide for the exclusion of crowds of fellows who do nothing but utter offensive impertinences and get tipsy—we submit the case with deference—the character of such entertainments would suffer no loss.

It is right enough that the Board of Governors should appropriate any sum they see fit to entertain the Legislature,—for they are held responsible for improper expenditures. The intimation, however, that the *attachés* of New-York journals cannot tell the truth when they are full-fed, or that the character of the reportorial force of this City is wholly corrupt, is entirely gratuitous, let it come from what quarter it may;—but that there is a great deal of scum floating upon the surface of New-York Journalism is an undeniable fact. The sooner the mass is purged from the impurities entailed upon it by the unsivilized acts of individuals, the better it will be for the credit and strength of the crowds of good fellows who make their living by newspapers. It is not alone on public occasions that unauthorized intruders find opportunities to palm off their pretensions. At the theatres, on railroads, at places of resort in every city,—wherever there is an enticing view of tempting viands or a brilliant display of rich potables,—there the Newspaper Hanger-on is found. The way to keep him out, is to require a show of the credentials he carries,—to repel uninvited and unticketed intrusion,—to expel any man who behaves himself in an unseemly style,—and to pay no attention to threats of terrible exposures through the "Public Press." These latter are generally expunged at head-quarters; and such menaces are never made by those whose right it is to print them.

Fever and Ague in the Outskirts.

New-York, Monday, Jan. 29, 1855.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

In your article of Saturday last, headed "Indecent Haste," you close with a recommendation to look to the country for pure air and a healthful location and low rents.

Where is the location within one hour's ride of the City Hall in which the fever and ague does not prevail? I should like to find it, as I want to escape from the City; but I fear that the cost of one season's sickness in my family, produced by a residence in the country, would amount to more than the difference in house-rent. Stone.

P. S.—Harlem, New-Jersey, New-Rochelle, Mamaroneck, Bedford, Yonkers and Fort Washington are all fever and ague locations. S.

"Stone" has the right of it, we fear. But he should remember that the fever and ague has been very prevalent for the last three years *in the City* as well as out of it. And some—of which number, however, we are not—boldly affirm that a family in town, especially in the upper part of it, is quite as likely to contract the disease as one in Harlem, Fort Washington or the Jerseys. This is bad, but let us suck out of the fact the small consolation it contains. That class of citizens known in old times as leeches, but more lately as physicians, will see signs in these facts of good times and an abundant supply of bread and butter.

Light Weights and Short Measures.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

In your paper of the 30th, you say candles are still sold as eights of which nine just turns the beam.

Now, as a manufacturer of that article, what am I to do, if my customers are willing to buy my candles by count,—say eight for 14 cents, (even if it do take nine to turn the beam?) What is the difference between the manufacturer that sells by weight nine for 16 cents? What and where is the difference to the consumer?

ONE OF YOUR READERS.

Simply this: That the poor widow *thinks* she buys cheaper when she pays you 14 cents for your false pound than if she pays 16; for to honest people, "a pound is a pound all the world 'round." Will you allow men to sell you small acres because they sell at less prices than others; or spavined horses because they ask less than for sound ones? Your doctrine is subversive of all honest dealing—is grossly immoral or culpably thoughtless.

Case of Lieutenant Hunter.

Lieutenant Hunter's letter to Secretary Dobbin, in explanation of his conduct in bringing home the U. S. brig *Bainbridge* without orders, is a model of sane and rational composition compared with his high-falutin', spread-eagle and Quixotic appeal to the People of the United States which we published on Monday. From any one else than Lieut. Hunter *this* letter would be deemed indiscreet, unwise, and full of evidences of self-conceit. But by comparison it seems tolerable. It is a very curious affair regarded in every point of view. That the Lieutenant may come out entirely free from the blemishes that now rest upon him is our earnest wish.

The Governors have departed. They made but a brief stay. Gov. Clark left for Albany yesterday at noon; Gov. Price departed earlier in the day; and Gov. Dutton took an affectionate farewell of the friends who had entertained the whole party so handsomely. We are not fully advised of the results of the conferences which have taken place between their Excellencies; nor do we know but that their visit has been productive of much good. The investigations of the Harbor question have been foreshortened by the limited period placed at the disposal of public dignitaries, but the legislative Committees will have the opportunity to earn laurels for the graphic and learned reports they will be able to furnish for the information of the public. After the harbor encroachments had been examined into, Govs. Clark and Dutton accepted an invitation to attend a meeting of the Committee of Advisement on the preservation of life at sea. Nothing important was done.

Appleton & Co. issue the sixth number of *Johnston's Chemistry of Common Life*. It embraces—The Furnace we Select, The Odors we Enjoy, and The Smells we Dislike. The interest and excellence of the series have lost nothing in their progress. Price 25 cents a number.

Miscellany.

Harper's for February challenges admiration as our usual admiration. The illustrations are profuse, and in the best style of wood engraving. Those especially which exhibit "the wager," "the driver," and "the snow-storm," in Virginia, are excellent. In this number Mr. Amory brings his "Napoleon Bonaparte" to a conclusion. These papers, which have attracted so much attention, we are happy to learn, are to be republished, with the original illustrations, in two handsome volumes. When they were commenced, the English aspect of Napoleon's career was the one universally accepted in America. Now a wider appreciation of the great Conqueror's policy and talents, we believe, generally prevails. Mr. Abbott has garbled no facts, nor accepted rumors, as the basis of his conclusions. He has written with surprising independence, and the literary merits of his work none will question. We are sincerely sorry that the papers are concluded, for some of our neighbors' sake,—half whose stock in trade is gone with their conclusion. However, they will have one more chance when the book is out, and then—they will have to pitch into "The Newcomes," which are still continued in the *Monthly*.

An excellent article in this number is "Glances at our Moral and Social Statistics"—a sort of resumé of the Census in these matters. Another is "The Zone of the Planets between Mars and Jupiter," by Prof. E. Loomis. The monthly record is a useful cotemporaneous history of the world. The Editor's Table is spread monthly with "The War and its Progress." His Drawer is full of fun, old and new. The Literary notices are genial and honest.

Blackwood for January has articles on "The Conduct of the War," "Education, as illustrated by the Census," "Rural Economy of Great Britain and Ireland," and "Thackeray." The "Story of the Crimea" and "Zaidee" both reach their second parts. With the January numbers, *Blackwood* and each of the Foreign Quarterlies (except the *North British*) commence their volumes. L. Scott & Co. republish them.

Putnam's Monthly was out promptly. The article that will command most attention is one on "National Defence," by "An Officer of the United States Army." The following extract briefly develops the writer's plan for recruiting the army:

Let the Secretary now abandon the system of recruiting, which burdens the army with the scum of cities, and promotion from the ranks would follow as regularly as from a lower to a higher grade of commission. But until something more be done to better the composition of the rank and file, it is much to be feared that few enlisted men will be found worthy of the proposed advancement in condition—an advancement, as the army is now composed, of *caste*, as well as grade. In a Republican army, *caste* should not exist, and it is to break down that distinction, leaving only the necessary difference in grades from private to general, that it is proposed that the army should be recruited by States.

Our army organized and collected, as herein recommended, could easily, on the approach of war, by the addition to each regiment of two battalions, and by increasing the number of privates in a company, be made fifty thousand strong, and this Federal force, organized, as it would be, in harmony with the State troops, would constantly have kept pace with the advance of professional knowledge in Europe, and be capable of diffusing that knowledge throughout the country by means of the State organizations to be considered.

For other reforms, the bill now before Congress, he says, embodies his. Other articles of various merits are readable—as, "Israel Potter," (good of course,) "Nature in Motion," "Progress of our Political Virtues," and "My three conversations with Miss Chester," and about "An old woman who dried up and blew away." It is a creditable number.

Christianity and Statesmanship is the title of twenty-seven discourses delivered by Dr. Wm. Hague, and issued by the Baptist publisher, Mr. Edward H. Fletcher. 12mo., 400 pages.

Another Gypsy Swindle.—A band of gypsies having been sojourning near Freehold, N. J., have succeeded in swindling a farmer out of $1,200. The chief actor was a female fortune-teller, who on pretence of being able to reveal to the farmer where a large amount of gold was concealed on his farm, induced him to raise the sum above stated by selling or borrowing, telling him it was only to be used for a few days in perfecting the charm necessary to the revelation. After much hocus pocus she folded up the money, or what he supposed to be it, locked it up in a box, gave him the key, and told him to open it ten days after, at midnight, when the locality of the gold would be revealed to him. At the time appointed the farmer collected all his family and relatives, opened the box, and found that the bundle put in the box did not contain his money at all. Meantime the gypsies had left with the plunder. Perhaps such ridiculous credulity deserves no better fate.—*Philadelphia American.*

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POPULAR GRADE.—E. H. LEADBEATER, No. 347 Broadway, is selling Spring Silks at 62½ cents, that cost 87½ cents to import. Black Silks, 62½ cents, that cost $1 to import. Black Silks, 87½ cents, that cost $1 25 to import. Good Shawls, Sheages, Lawns, and Dress goods equally cheap.

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Washington, Thursday, Jan. 25, 1855.

The facts which have been disclosed in the Report of Mr. Secretary, and by General Howard in his Review, is regarded as the origin of the Indian difficulties of the Indians, ought to render Congress very cautious in their legislation on the subject. They have not forgotten the history of the Florida War, which cost thirty millions of dollars without accomplishing any beneficial object which could not have been secured by pacific measures.

If the cost of the present war is to be at all proportioned to the cost of that, it will considerably exceed the estimates of either of the belligerent Western Powers for the annual cost of the war in which they are engaged.

It will, within a few years after its commencement, cost much more than the estimated expense of the construction and equipment of the Pacific Railroad. It can be nothing short of a waste of an accumulation, if in its progress, it is to be conducted in the spirit in which it has been prosecuted.

In spite of the expenses of such a war, it becomes [illegible] and by deferring such payment of the public debt as has been for something going on, to avoid the necessity of resorting to loans, especially during the present embarrassed state of the money market. That the President will take this view of the subject there is no reasonable doubt, for no man knows better than he that the war will be vigorously prosecuted by our generals for reparation, by frontier settlers for revenge, by the contractors for profit, and by a promiscuous horde of speculators, land sharks, for objects of personal cupidity.

The moment the war is over, commenced, it will be beyond the control of the Commander-in-Chief of the army of the United States, and all his subordinates. Calls upon Congress for men and money, for new cavalry regiments, more volunteer enlistments, more subsistence of Indian allies; for bounties and pensions, will become the whole burden of the Executive messages to the next Congress, and the Congress that will follow that.

The proposition of General Scheme for assuming the control with the olive branch, is well conceived; but it would be more likely to succeed if negotiations should precede a preparation for hostilities. For when preparation is made, the war spirit will not be foiled.

Mr. Soule's Resignation.

Correspondence of the Philadelphia American.

Washington, Wednesday, Jan. 31.

The cause of Mr. Soule's resignation is ascertained to be a disagreement with the Cabinet as to the policy to be pursued relative to Cuba. The rumor that he was recalled is not correct, but he would have been had he not anticipated the expected course of the President by a voluntary retirement.

In November, Mr. Soule received a dispatch which he was instructed to lay before the Spanish Minister, which was so different from the representations he had been making as the subjects entrusted to him, that he determined not to present it, and did not. The dispatch stated that the United States Government had instructions of the most friendly character with Spain, and as that was wished to convert an unfounded impression that this Government meditated the acquisition of Cuba by any means at its command. The rights of Spain as to that Colony would be respected by the United States, and all alleged attempts against its sovereignty would be discountenanced and suppressed. But there were other questions, the settlement of which was equally essential to the establishment of a good understanding between the Governments. It was necessary that Spain should make suitable reparation to the United States for repeated indignities to its national flag by her officers in Cuba, and proper indemnities for our citizens for the destruction of their property, the seizure and detention of their vessels, and the unjust imprisonment of American sailors and citizens in Cuba. The Spanish Government was satisfied that cases of this kind were very numerous, some of them so recent as to afford reason to apprehend that no change of policy, as to the protection of the commerce of the United States or the individual rights of her citizens, was contemplated, and many of them so old as to justify the conclusion that the delay of justice arose from indifference to the complaints of the United States.

Fatal Accident on the Portland and Kennebec Railroad—The Engine thrown into the River—Two Men Crushed to Death.

From the Boston Argus, January 29.

Yesterday morning's train from this city to Augusta, consisting of two passenger cars and two baggage cars, drawn by the new engine J. D. Long, met with an accident, by which Joseph Small, of Portland, engineer, and Charles Ames, of Augusta, firemen, lost their lives.

At the train was approaching the crossing of the Presumpscot River, about five miles from this city, and just before reaching the bridge the engine ran off the track, struck the stone abutment, and went down the embankment some twenty-five feet into the river. The coupling which attached the locomotive to the cars fortunately broke, leaving the cars upon the track.

No one was injured save those already named. The fireman, Mr. Ames, was crushed under the boiler upon the ice in the river. His head, however, was above the water which covered the ice, and he was able to converse until the water rose and drowned him.

Every effort was made to keep the water down by bailing, but in vain, and it was impossible to extricate him until the boiler could be raised by means of tackle, which had to be obtained from a distance—and came some hours too late to save the unfortunate man. It is suspected he must have been fatally injured by the crushing weight of the boiler upon him, and that the water only put a more speedy termination to his sufferings. Mr. Small, we understand, leaves a wife but no children.

The fireman, Mr. Ames, was crushed, under the drawbar in the cars, and killed instantly. He also leaves a wife.

The engine was probably thrown from the track by ice which formed on Saturday night, and was covered with water by the rain of Sunday night.

The bodies of Messrs. Small and Ames were extricated, and brought to this city last evening. It was found that the neck of Mr. Ames, fireman, was broken.

Infamous Attempt to Ruin a Young Girl—Forcible Ride on a Horse-Sled.—Some days since a Mr. Chase and a man who is her partner in business were brought before the Police Court, charged with inveigling a young woman from Great Falls, N. H., for the purpose of prostitution. The evidence was so far proved that His Honor thought it proper to order them to recognize with sureties in the sum of $500 each for their appearance at the next criminal term of the S. J. Court. Failing to find sureties, they were committed to Jail. Monday, however, under chapter 171, section 29 of the Revised Statutes, two Justices of the Peace admitted the prisoners to bail. They departed to their hotel, the Robinson Tavern, in Hermon. Here, however, they were waited on early Tuesday morning by perhaps a hundred of the best citizens of Hermon, and advised to leave the place. A horse-sled was near, upon which, without violence, the men and women were placed, and removed beyond the limits of the town. Drums, fifes and flags gave a dramatic air to the procession, and the obnoxious parties, moving to such music, made solemn promise that they would never come back again. With this the Hermon people were satisfied, and dispersed, after having taken some steps towards returning to her home in New-Hampshire, Elizabeth Taylor, the young girl upon whom Mr. Chase's designs were formed.—*Bangor Mercury.*

Runaway Slaves—The Underground Railroad.—The travel over the underground railroad for the past few days has been, we are informed, unusually active, and no fewer than seven lots of runaway slaves have arrived at this terminus within a week. The first of these lots was composed of three men; the next, of three men; the third, of two men; the 4th, of one man. All these were from Kentucky. The sixth lot was composed of two middle-aged, stout men, who had come on foot from Louisiana to this place, sleeping by day and walking towards the North star by night. They arrived here on Wednesday, and after remaining one to be sent over the underground railroad to Canada. The last lot was composed of a mother and three children, who came up on the mail train from Louisville, and were to be taken to Paris, Ky. She managed to get to some acquaintance, and was immediately sent north. The total loss to the owners, from the escape of these fifteen slaves, must exceed $15,000. The eldest woman named Jemima, Prince is now in Canada, enjoying liberty in a province that knows not slavery, who is a slave in Washington County, Ky. The wife and two children, who arrived there, were immediately given a year alone by their mistress, who then resided in Washington County, Ky., and passed them on free in Ohio.—*Cincinnati Gazette, Jan. 27.*

Mysterious Disappearance of a Drayman.—Considerable anxiety is felt in our city concerning the whereabouts of J. L. Turner, who, during the past two years, has been engaged in the business of selling Beaver in the New-York market. Mr. Turner has been in partnership with a brother residing at Lexington, Kentucky, who purchases cattle in that State, ships them to this city in the care of Mr. Turner, who takes them to New-York and dispenses of them. Mr. Turner, when in this city, has always stopped at Stewart Hall, which place he left on the one month since for New-York, having in charge a large number of very superior cattle. His arrival and sale of the animals in that city have been noised out, as well as the fact that he remitted a large sum to his brother, but as he had something like $2,000 or $3,000 still in his possession, and as neither his brother nor any of his friends have heard of him since, the most painful apprehensions are entertained for his safety. A friend in New-York made a journey to Lexington in quest of him, but has returned without obtaining any clue.—*Albany Argus, Jan. 30.*

Windfall for a Vagrant in a Workhouse.—About fifteen days since a woman named Mary Ann Stewart was arrested by the First District Police as a drunken vagrant, wandering through the streets without any visible means of support, and Recorder Bright sent her to the Workhouse for thirty days. Yesterday a man came into the Recorder's office and stated that he had been looking for this woman for months three months, and had only that morning heard by accident that she was in the Workhouse. He stated that some time since Mary Ann's grandmother died in England, and left her a legacy of fourteen hundred pounds sterling. Nothing had been heard of Mary Ann for a long time before the death of her grandmother, and the executive wrote to this friend, empowering him to ascertain, if possible, her whereabouts, or if she was dead to send on an authenticated certificate of the fact. Upon this statement, and the promise to take her out of the city as soon as possible, the Recorder released her from the Workhouse and sent her on her way, rejoicing like one with a pocket full of rocks.—*N. Y. Paragon, Jan. 24.*

Conviction of a Duellist.—Juan Pagnes has been found guilty of manslaughter at New-Orleans, with a recommendation to mercy, for killing Juan Papuen in a duel. The prisoner is about 40 years of age, and has a family. The *Courier* says: This is the first time in the annals of Louisiana that a conviction for duelling has taken place, although the statutes making the slaying of a man in a duel murder, are coeval with the Constitution of the State. It is true this duel was fought under the most atrocious circumstances, and in a most murderous manner. Nevertheless we hail this verdict as an important legal precedent, and as an evidence of a healthy state of public opinion. The duel, it appears, was fought with knives; the parties were equal in physical power, and when one objected to the knife of the other, the latter offered and actually did exchange knives, and with the weapon of his antagonist slew him.

Sale of the Public Works.—The Legislature of Pennsylvania passed, at its last session, a law for the sale of the Public Works of this State, provided they could not be sold at a fixed rate. As they were not sold, it is now proposed to reduce the price until a purchaser can be found, and there appears to be a party in the State in favor of getting rid of them at all events. It is now probable that the proposition to sell the Public Works of Ohio will be again agitated at the next session of the General Assembly, and we should not be surprised to see it succeed. We would by no means be considered as contending against a sale of the Canals and Roads at their real value. It is better that they should pass out of the hands of the State. They would not only be more profitable in private hands, but would be better administered, and more useful, consequently, to the public.—*Cincinnati Commercial.*

Loss of Schooner Greyhound.—Reliable intelligence has been received that the schooner *Greyhound*, of this port, was wrecked on Hog-sty Reef on the night of Dec. 27. The schooner was bound from Santa Cruz (Cuba,) for Antwerp, and was in her seventh day out when she struck on the above named reef, which sets out from the Bahama Banks. The crew were all saved, but the vessel and cargo are a total loss. The *Greyhound* was a first-class vessel, nearly new, built in Fairhaven and owned by Messrs. Mallory & Lanfair, and Capt. Merrow, who had charge of her.—*New-Haven Journal & Courier, Feb. 1.*

Accident on the Central Railroad.—A fearful accident occurred on the Central Railroad yesterday, about eighteen miles east of Syracuse. As the Buffalo Express was whizzing along at the speed of thirty-five miles an hour, a wheel of the locomotive flew to pieces, and the engine itself pitched down the bank. The passengers only felt a slight concussion, but looking out of their windows on one side, they saw the engine lying a wreck in the ditch, and the engineer and firemen crawling out from the ruins. The train ran on a distance of fifty rods before stopping. Providentially, the engineer was but slightly hurt, and the firemen escaped without harm.—*Albany Atlas, Feb. 1.*

The Cockpit of a Man-of-War no Place of Safety.—In the recent naval attack upon Sebastopol, a shell entered the after cockpit of H. M. S. *Alma*. It lodged in the First Lieutenant's cabin, burst there, destroying everything in that cabin and in the surgeon's cabin on one side, and another officer's on the other. Mr. Mason, the surgeon, was himself so much bruised in the arm by one of the splinters that he was disabled, and could not operate. A similar splinter from another shell struck the paymaster, who was acting as assistant to the medical officers, and bruised him severely.—*Dr. Mackay in Medical Times.*

A Blundering Translation.—Sir John Pringle, in his "Observations on the Diseases of the Army," mentions having cured a soldier of a violent scurvy, by prescribing two quarts of the *dog* and duck water (so called from the name of a spring near the Dog and Duck Tavern,) to be drunk every morning before dinner. In a French translation of this work, the remedy is specified to be two quarts of broth, made of a duck and a dog.—*University Magazine.*

The Polygamy Challenge Accepted.—The Los Angeles *Star* announces that a Mr. Money, of the New Testament Church, consents to accept the challenge of Parley P. Pratt, of the Mormons, on the issue of polygamy as sanctioned by law and gospel, which Mr. Pratt pretends. Here is the Old versus the New Testament. The battle is proposed to take place in the Los Angeles *Star*.

The Phelps Case.—The Jury in this case last evening brought in a verdict that Phelps was of sound mind. His execution, therefore, will take place on the 9th of February instant—a week from to-morrow.—*Albany Evening Atlas, Feb. 1.*

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☞ Eighteenth Ward Relief Association—The Executive Committee for the Relief of the Poor of the XVIIth Ward, hereby give notice that the Soup-house is open daily from 12 till 2 P. M., in the basement of the Dry Goods Store, corner of 8th-st. and the Avenue, and that the Ward Grocery, Provisions, &c., is also open daily in the same building; they are desirous of having the Poor of the Ward, on the tickets, the amount. The great success of the Committee in the distribution of their charity is not to encourage idleness or imposition, while they do not relieve to which we add our mite. Donations of food and clothing of any kind, above, &c., &c., will be thankfully received at the Soup-house, and should be sent to the Ward, addressed to VALENTINE G. HALL, Treasurer, or to No. 18 Greenwich-st., N.Y., which will be delivered free of charge to the Poor.

VALENTINE G. HALL, Chairman.

Tas. C. Benson, Secretary.

☞ To the Public.—Thos. Ess gave in attendance at Dr. HENDERSON'S Office, No. 416 Broadway, corner of Grand-st., eight persons who were blind from cataract, all of whom have since received the sight of their eyes. Dr. H. is prepared to operate on cataract, and all other diseases of the eye, at his office, or at any place in the country, when the patient is too ill to be moved, and guarantee the restoration of sight in all cases. Dr. H. is prepared to show the cures of over 1,000 persons, who have received the sight of their eyes, of cataract, amaurosis, &c., &c., &c

LONG ISLAND.

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The Sunday Liquor Law in Brooklyn.

Before the Justice Shaddock and a Jury.

The City of Brooklyn vs. *Edward C. Neville.*—This was a complaint to recover $50 for a breach of the Sunday ordinance, alleged to have been committed by the defendant, proprietor of the King's County Hotel, corner of South Seventh and Fifth streets, Eastern District, formerly Williamsburg, in selling strong and spirituous liquors on Sunday, the 21st January. The defendant put in a special answer, setting up his right as a licensed hotel keeper. Officer FROST was the only witness called for the city, and he deposed he went to NEVILLE's house by direction of the Mayor; that he drank there and saw others drink and pay for liquor. For the defence it was proved that many had been refreshed, and it was contended that the house was only open for accommodation of travellers, and that the house was a highly respectable hotel, with a large livery public attached. The Jury, after a few minutes' deliberation, returned a verdict for the defendant.

Tryings, Sentences.

In the Kings County Court of Sessions, held in Brooklyn yesterday, the following prisoners were sentenced: The Eighth Ward picture waver, sentenced—James Ryan, to four months' imprisonment at hard labor in the Penitentiary; Thomas and Dennis Ryan, six months each; and Dennis McGuire seven months.

On motion of Assistant District Attorney Wise, now, a nolle prosequi was entered in the case of the other parties indicted for being concerned in this riot.

Catherine Ferguson and Mary Ryan, convicted on an indictment for receiving stolen goods, were each sentenced to sixty days' imprisonment in the Penitentiary.

Henry Bustard, convicted of perjury for having sworn in his vote at the First Ward poll on the 7th of November last, was sentenced to two years and three months' imprisonment in the State Prison at Sing Sing.

John Lynch, 17 years of age, convicted of larceny in robbing a church, was sentenced to four months' imprisonment in the Penitentiary.

The Brooklyn Soup Association.

This Association has been in operation three weeks. When first commenced it was supposed that three barrels of soup each day would supply the demand, but from this quantity the demand has increased daily, until yesterday, over seventeen barrels were dealt out to about 600 persons—an increase of 300 since the first day.

It is a fact worthy of notice that the greatest suffering, in proportion to their numbers, exists with the colored population, who, when work is to be had, are always the last to get it. A large number of this class are supplied daily by the Association, and are much more grateful for the relief thus afforded them, than others, as a class.

☞ A rag in Williamsburg advertises—"Inchesses to let,"—being his part of a Church. "Warmth is to preserve the year round, Sundays not excepted."

NEW-JERSEY.

Robbery on a Ferry-Boat.

On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. PANDRIKE, residing in Jersey City, had her pocket picked of a purse containing $80 in money and a check for $600. She had taken out her purse to give some change to a beggar, and it is supposed that a woman, apparently a lady, who sat by the side of her—picked her pocket. The payment of the check had been stopped, but the thief has not been discovered.

Cows in Jersey—An Irregular Correspondent who Never goes Dead-headed on any Goods—His Figure-head.

From our Irregular and Defective Correspondent.

You have correspondents in all parts of the world nearly, except Jersey, and I have waited from month to month in the hope of seeing our little State represented in your journal, over the signature of some well known name. But as no one stepped forward under the head of "regular," "special," or any other kind, I offer myself as one [illegible] not of the regular, however, but after the pattern of a [illegible] Irregular, Irresistible and Defective.

In taking upon myself the responsibility of representing this whole State, (and I will say here that I mean the State of Jersey, and not of "Camden and Amboy") in the DAILY TIMES, I think it is only even fair to tell you and the public who I am, and where I live, for there is always an itching in the public palm to know the real Simon Pure behind the mask.

My name is Wolfgang Gimblestye—my father's name was Stubtoe, and my grandfather's was Nicholas Gimblestye. The genealogy of the GIMBLESTYES can be traced no further back—and, indeed, I think the name began with Nicholas, or Nick, as he was always called, for tradition says he was a foundling. The name corroborates the supposition too, for we know that foundlings in this day are often named from some expression of feature or countenance, or circumstance of the discovery, as "Preserved Fish," from being found floating on the water, and "Mary January," from being discovered on New-Year's Day; and as my family all have had a peculiar expression of the eyes, and I and mine have the same, it is very probable that my grandfather was a foundling, and was named from the peculiarity of his eyes. And then his Christian name implies the same, for in those early times when so many believed in witches, and in the visible presence of that Old "Ragger," who is said to "go about like a roaring lion," the supposition is that they believed his agency had something to do with the extradition of the child, and hence the name Nick.

It is remarkable too, that the features of the grandsire have descended through the first-born of the male line, and that I am his daguerreotyped descendant, the first-born male. I am 6 feet 11 inches high in my stocking feet, and my doting mother usually say (given to her when) that I was the proud image of her first born, my father; and she believed if the Deuce was out of my back, I would stand six feet in boots. My hair (I hope the ladies will ask for a lock, as you feel they will of Nick Tick, if you tell you "Friend" his real name) my hair is straight, and the color very like the skin of a Valparaiso squash, neither black, red, nor yellow; my beard, too, has rather of the three-day stubble, or a horse-radish's growth. I always wear it straight to my eyebrows, and never brush it up on the side of a hill, thinking that it adds to my literary appearance. My forehead is low, very low, and my eyes peculiar. [illegible] But the most of my left is half an inch higher than my right eye; and the outer angle is gently depressed, giving it a severe downward look; and my chief and mighty [illegible] is my large half pumpkin on the chin, which I let grow out when I am warned up with some subject—the smoking cause of your editorials in election-time, or in blowing up that "death in New-York on Sundays"—whew!—— Well, there is no use in trying, for nothing short of my daguerreotype or personal presence can approach the reality. My neighbors say, when I have dealings with some one concerned, they—"Ah! no fear of Gimblestye, he's always got his eye-eye open!"

My chick-peers are very high, face thin, mouth large, teeth white and prominent, chin—— well the place for a chin is there, but the slope from the under-lip to the things is oddly abrupt. My cheeks and nose are the color of a purple turnip, shading down into yellow as it approaches the circlins of the earth.

I may as well say here, for the entry of improvable heirs, that I am married; that my little wife always was "the dearest girl I" and that she is the very apple of my (I don't know which) eye now. Her maiden name was Aravitta Tabitha Rubarena Fowlscot Scriggs, but since she has become Mrs. Gimblestye, she omits the surname, although she declares that if her girth little Gimblestyes resemble her family, it shall have the name of Scriggs, be it a girl or boy.

I live "over in Jersey," on the Winchelsing mountain, cultivate a small farm on its southern slope, have plenty in my cribs, peace within my cheerful cottage, the latch-string of which is always outside, and a bite and a bed for the destitute and weary.

Having told your readers openly and fairly who I am and where I live, and as my first letter has reached a little farther than was intended, I will sign my name and stay.

VOCIFEROUS GIMBLESTYE.

WAWECUSSE, Jan. 24, 1856.

The Poor Want a Loan.

JERSEY CITY, Tuesday, Jan. 29, 1856.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

"The poor want a loan—the deserving poor—especially those who are American born, want a loan—not charity." I am an American mechanic, and a constant reader of your paper. My attention was arrested on seeing a piece in the TIMES of yesterday headed as above. The suggestion of your correspondent is the best suited to do good to the poor American mechanic and laborer that I have seen, as far as I know the feelings of the American poor. I know they had rather starve than beg, or even accept of charity. But they would willingly accept of a loan to relieve their sufferings, on the same conditions your correspondent speaks of, and would willingly pledge themselves to refund the money, even with interest, as soon as their circumstances would permit; and I think every gentleman helping the poor in this way could safely count on 80 per cent being refunded. I hope soon to hear of a large number of our wealthy citizens following his example.

A MECHANIC.

Affidavits and Testimony.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

YOUR yesterday's correspondent, "Justice," is informed that a false affidavit, made before any person authorized to administer oaths in *any case pending before any Court*, is as much perjury as swearing willfully false orally in open Court.

"Justice" should know that swearing false, unless *willfully*, is not legal perjury. He has reference probably to some *judicial* affidavits, i. e. affidavits not in a case pending in a Court; such are not legal perjury, even if willfully false. If "Justice" can make out the charge he makes he can convict of perjury.

JAN. 30, 1856. NOT A LAWYER.

WHAT THE ABOLITIONISTS ARE MAD ABOUT.—A friend recently from Washington has related to us a little incident that transpired a short time ago in the Senate Chamber, and which made some amusement among the members. Mr. GILLETTE, our Senator, sits next to TOOMBS, of Georgia, and they frequently pass a good-humored joke. A few mornings ago, just before the Senate was called to order, while several of the members were standing near, TOOMBS said to GILLETTE: "They say, GILLETTE, that you Abolitionists are mad with the Almighty *for making the negroes black.*" "Your information is slightly mistaken," replied GILLETTE; "we are only mad with you slaveholders *for making them white.*" The allusion to the bleaching process that is going on among the colored population of the South was at once understood by all, and TOOMBS joined with much good humor in the general laugh.

[*Hartford Courant, Jan. 31.*

SHIP MONARCH OF THE SEA.—The ship *Monarch of the Sea*, Capt. GARDNER, arrived in this port yesterday, from Pensacola, and was towed up by the tow-boat *Conqueror*. The *Monarch of the Sea* measures 240 feet on deck, and 40 feet beam; her tonnage is 2,500 tons, and she is capable of carrying 7,000 bales of cotton on eighteen and a half feet water, and is rigged on Capt. HOLMES' new plan. The *M.* has been for the last month at Pensacola, testing the new dry dock for the United States Government, for which she received some $20,000. Capt. GARDNER states that his ship was taken out some three hundred feet on land in twenty hours, by the new dock and railway, and replaced in about the same time.—*New-Orleans Bulletin, Jan. 26.*

INCENDIARIES CAUGHT.—We are gratified to be able to state that in all probability the rogues who have caused our citizens so much anxiety of late, by causing nocturnal conflagrations, have at last been arrested. They prove to be firemen, two of them connected with No. 5, and one with No. 4. Their names are JAMES COGHLAN, aged 17; PAT'K MCGOWAN, 19; and JOSEPH BROWN, 20, the steward of No. 6. We understand the officers are after certain other parties, and that in all probability the clue that will open this labyrinth of villainy has been discovered. It is said that BROWN told his mother that he fired DEHIXE's building, that he had set buildings on fire and should set more. This was overheard by an elder brother, who reported it to Mr. COTTERELL, who caused the arrest.—*Hartford Courant.*

DRIFTS.—On the Niagara Falls Railroad yesterday, some of the drifts were from ten to twelve feet in height on the track. The train coming up at 4 o'clock, was "stuck" four or five times. About a mile this side of Black Rock, the up-train ran into a drift, some thirty feet in length, and so high as the top of the cars. The train had impetus enough to carry the engine through it, and give a chance for the driving wheels to catch hold of the track again. Had it not been so, the passengers would have experienced the sensation of those smashed under an avalanche. It is still snowing, blowing and drifting, until we almost begin to think the stock of congealed matter above has entirely exhausted itself.—*Buffalo Republic, Wednesday.*

☞ THE STORM.—The storm which has raged with more or less violence for the past four or five days, appeared to have arrived at its culminating point last evening. Snow came upon us in fitful gusts during the whole of yesterday, and at night old Boreas seemed to have waked up his entire energies—the whole atmosphere seemed to be filled with driving flakes of snow. Enormous drifts were piled up in all sorts of fantastic shapes. Back doors and front doors were found this morning in a state of embargo, and many were compelled to "dig themselves out" before reaching the street.—*Buffalo Com., 31st.*

THE WELLINGMOTO MAIL ROBBER.—BASCOM, the mail robber, has been held to bail by ERASTUS SMITH, Esq., United States Commissioner, in the sum of $7,500. There are three separate indictments against the accused—one for having a United States mail key in his possession with intent to use it unlawfully, one for robbing the mail on the 23d of January—and one for robbing the mail on the 27th of January. We learn from the Boston *Post* that BASCOM was formerly employed in a telegraph office in that city.—*Maryland Times.*

TOUCHING.—The Tobacco Plant (Va.) describes the death of a girl in Clarksville, by burning. Her clothes took fire while she slept in a chair. Aroused, she ran towards her master's bed. The editor says: "Mr. WATKINS flewed her out of the door, and threw her in a snow bank, thinking that he would thereby be enabled to extinguish the flames, but failed to do so. Her cause, as before stated, was very bad, and her little hope is entertained of her recovery. She was one of the choicest girls in our *town*, and *would have sold for $1,000 on the block.*"

Extraordinary Behavior and Its Accompaniments.

From the Portsmouth Journal, Jan. 31.

Lieutenant HUNTER, of the Navy—CHARLES HUNTER, as he is called by his intimate friends—"Alexander," HUNTER, as he is sometimes denominated, both these names being used to distinguish him from his relative, Commodore WILLIAM W. HUNTER—must have some of the qualities of the species of fish, which, when in the water which flows from the Hot Springs of Arkansas—he throws hot in her water. Certainly we are bound to suppose so, for he is constantly in it, and most of the time of his own heating.

Returning from a station without leave is a very grave military offence; and must be visited with severe punishment. We remember but one similar piece of work in all our naval history. Captain HOPEMAN, in the sloop *Boston*, ran away from the same station, Commodore CRINKINTON being in command of the Brazil squadron, some twenty years ago.

CRINKINTON chased the *Boston* in his flag-ship, and fired at her repeatedly; but the sloop outsailed the frigate, and HOPEMAN made his escape. It was said at the time, by those who knew the two men, that blood would have been shed if CRINKINTON had overhauled him. HOPEMAN was tried, and would have lost his commission, but some extenuation was found in the tyrannical conduct of CRINKINTON, and the Court, which sentenced him to be cashiered, recommended him to the mercy of the executive, in consideration of his gallant services in the war of 1812—he having brought safely home the prize corvette *Cyane*, after her capture, with her consort the *Levant*, by Com. STEWARD, in the Constitution. The President accordingly modified the sentence, and he was only suspended for two or three years.

Case of Lieutenant C. G. Hunter.

UNITED STATES SHIP RARITAN,
DRY SANDY HOOK, Jan. 25, 1856.

SIR: I have the honor to announce the return of the United States brig-of-war *Bainbridge*, under my command, to the port of New-York, from whence she sailed in November, 1853.

I wish to inform the Honorable the Secretary of the Navy, that this has been done after the most mature deliberation, and that I do not throw myself in the lists upon the mercy or clemency of the Department. It has been done upon the full conviction of how serious the offence, under the circumstances upon which I act, and that there can be no moral quality there was to be taken to the interest of my Government and the honor of its flag.

If the Honorable the Secretary of the Navy will second that a blind obedience of orders is the whole duty of a Navy officer, I will rested him that, with this, the battle of Cape St. Vincent would have been no victory and that, with this the battle of Copenhagen would have been lost to England.

I do not wish to assert that these examples are anything more than great truths, showing that it may be, under certain circumstances, even a praiseworthy act to sacrifice the honor of a flag in preference to a blind obedience to orders. nor do I wish to deny that an officer who disobeys orders incurs a grave responsibility. I rely solely upon what I can make plain to the Department, that, under the circumstances, it is better for the honor of the flag that I should return to the United States, than remain upon the coast of Brazil.

Upon the 20th of January, 1854, the *Bainbridge* arrived in Monterideo, where Commodore SALTER then was on the Station. A difficulty had occurred at the Falkland Islands, known there even prior to the arrival of this vessel. No communication, however, was made me upon that subject until after the United States sloop-of-war *Germantown* had arrived upon the station and sailed to these islands; then I was informed by Commodore SALTER that he would have sent me "had he not feared that I would compromise the Government;" he made use of the same observation to Commander LYNCH as well as to me. I was informed by the United States Consul to the Falkland Islands.

Little faltering as a declaration of this kind was, I made no protest. Again a difficulty occurred at the Falkland Islands, which was known in Monteridon upon the 20th June, 1854, and although the *Bainbridge* was at that place, Commander SALTER did not send her, but ordered the *Germantown*, from Rio de Janeiro—more than double the distance—no doubt, for the same reason as before.

About the 6th or October, difficulties of a very serious nature, involving our flag, were known at Monteridon to have occurred at Paraguay. The flag-ship had just arrived in the river. In spite of the urgent necessity that a vessel of war should go to Assumption, I was ordered on a cruise to ports where no difficulty was known to have occurred.

Before sailing, however, I sent to the Commander-in-Chief a detailed plan for reducing, with the least possible force, the Dictator of Paraguay to a just regard for the rights of foreigners.

I entered the cabin of the ship was sent with this communication to state to the Commander-in-Chief the manner in which it had been received, and also that no doubt existed that serious difficulties had just occurred in Paraguay; that if he would order the vessel under my command to that point, he might rely upon a judicious arrangement, and one honorable to the flag.

The Commander-in-Chief stated that the *Bainbridge* could not reach Assumption on account of having too great draft of water; but the officer who had been sent by me had fortunately been upon the survey of the river to that point, and knew that without her tanks, and other unnecessary weight, there would be no difficulty.

I again urged the Commander-in-Chief to be sent to Paraguay, by letter, dated Oct. 9, but all to no purpose. Instead of being sent where a serious difficulty was known to exist, I was ordered where it was known no difficulties had arisen—for steamers twice a month reach Monteridon, bringing news from every part in Brazil in which we have commerce.

In the meantime the *Waterwitch*, engaged upon scientific duty in the waters near Assumption, went to that place for the arrangement of existing difficulties. Lieutenant-Commanding PAGE visited President LOPEZ during the time I was detained by orders with Mr. HOPKINS, the United States Consul; he ordered that the officers of the *Waterwitch* should not visit the aforesaid Consul, and, strange beyond belief, he ordered a lieutenant, by whom, etc. this, you have received dispatches, not to take any home from Mr. HOPKINS, the United States Consul, whose exequatur had been withdrawn by President LOPEZ.

If a volume were written it would not tell more plainly how our difficulties in Paraguay have been arranged. As a final, since the departure of the *Waterwitch*, President LOPEZ has suspended the examination of these circumstances, and has only now published in Paraguay, in local in the shape of two Americans and the Lieutenant-Commanding of the *Waterwitch*.

Commodore SALTER was made aware of these events by Lieutenant MOORE, bearer of dispatches from Lieutenant-Commanding PAGE to the United States, and by that opportunity of sending me orders to return, by the same bearer of dispatches, none were sent.

To command a vessel of war, and to sent purposely where no difficulties exist, when serious ones were known to have occurred elsewhere, is in my eyes, a dereliction of duty.

I call upon the Honorable the Secretary of the Navy to relieve me from this degradation, and I ask only at this moment proper to go to Assumption and redress the wrongs of our injured countrymen. If the Commander-in-Chief plainly and unequivocally strikes a responsibility, it becomes imperative, in my opinion, that I should take one. I therefore submit an accompanying detailed plan, marked A, of a probable force necessary to bring President LOPEZ to a just regard of the rights of our fellow-citizens. He is now engaged in constructing predictations upon the Paraguay, which would have been unavailable if it had been sent immediately upon the occurrence of the outrages. I will not dwell upon the ingratitude of these outrages. The Government, no doubt, is fully informed as to their character; but property has been confiscated, the lives of our countrymen placed in jeopardy, and our flag hauled down and trampled under foot, in a country in which a mob has never been known.

Upon the 14th of May, 1854, I addressed a letter to the Honorable the Secretary of the Navy, in regard to my private interests. I have received no answer, save indirectly, though the Commander-in-Chief, and that not at all in its tone calculated to lead him to believe that I enjoyed the confidence of the Department. I have at various times, as Lieutenant and in inferior grades, addressed letters to the Honorable the Secretary of the Navy, and have, I believe, invariably before this time, received replies, from which adverse the Department has been to accede to my request.

The Commander-in-Chief was good enough to send me from Rio de Janeiro to Monteridon an extract of a letter, which was, in substance, a reprimand to me; it was founded upon a secret report made by him of me to the Department. A part of this report I am prepared to show is a misstatement.

I do not wish to make a point with the Honorable the Secretary of the Navy how far it might be considered honorable or dishonorable to make public a letter marked and received as private, unless an absolute necessity involving the honor of the receiver required it. When this violation of my confidence, without a necessity, has been accompanied by a secret report, a part of which I am prepared to show is untrue, an unchariable person might, with much show of right, say that the Commander-in-Chief had no object to serve in not informing me of the purport of his letter.

I have no state to the Honorable the Secretary of the Navy, that I hope the question is not answering my letter was an accidental one; that as an officer commanding a vessel of war, I think that common courtesy demands direct answers to such communications as I may make, however much the Honorable the Secretary of the Navy may disapprove of their substance. I do not express an opinion, this probably accidental omission may have been an opposing cause in leading the Commander-in-Chief to suppose that he alone was a responsible officer. The Commander of a vessel of war is always responsible for his own acts, and the Commander-in-Chief cannot relieve him of that responsibility. To attempt it is to at least a reduction upon his character as an officer; it is to set aside, in my own estimation, all that I have gained by a faithful service of my country for thirty years—it is to rob me of all I have, save the affections of a few men who honor me with their friendship.

I prefer nothing say, worthless rather than honesty and timely hold my commission when I must feel that I do it by a cause offensive and useless of the honor of a flag that so far I have served and cherished. I shall, in this case, which, when the time arrives, I hope to shed the last drop of my blood.

If Mr. Lopez—he assumes titles, such as Paraguay, only an exhibition of force will prevent outrage or obtain redress; a thousand miles in the interior, President LOPEZ [illegible] his power to compel to obtain his release, or robbery, was in the hue of treason, and only from will every man, not a foul aspect of the rights of freemen. At Montevideo, among the intelligent merchants, great fears were felt that the Commander-in-Chief would send a force to Paraguay. I feel, it was expressed by all that the dishonor of this violent act is the least point; but the honor of our country, have been disgraced, and the alliance of the Brazil, Oriental and Argentine Confederation unite at our location, and injury in our property intended.

It may be proper to state that the paper which the Honorable the Secretary of the Navy sent me under the 16th October, 1855, very general, and such as were given to the Commander-in-Chief of the Brazil squadron, a paragraph of which I take the liberty of quoting: "You will, at all times, bear in mind your duties as the commander of a vessel of war of the United States, to protect the citizens, commerce and interests of your country in the fullest extent in your power."

Even without these instructions from the Department, I might not have been relieved of the obligation of the Commander-in-Chief, and I am thankful to the Honorable the Secretary of the Navy for the latitude in my opinion given, not to be wasteful to the highest degree involves a grave outrage upon duty.

With a Commander-in-Chief in sympathy of the interests and honor of this flag, any cautious to that end or a commander of a vessel of war have been wholly unnecessary, and with the information already, I hope, in the hands of the Honorable the Secretary of the Navy, I would in no minority ask to what purpose, useful and honorable to my country, could the *Bainbridge* remain upon the coast of Brazil?

If, however, in the good judgment of the Honorable the Secretary of the Navy, with such facts as are in his possession, the course I have taken, the sacrifice of or to, does not fully meet his approval, I shall beg that, in the fullest investigation.

The Commander-in-Chief of the Brazil squadron is either wholly or unequivocally culpable or I am, and I now charge him with culpable neglect of the interests of the citizens, commerce and interests of his country, to the fullest extent in his power, for which no special order of the Department would appear necessary.

The Honorable the Secretary of the Navy may regard my views, already expressed, in relation to the neglect of the Commander-in-Chief to the interests of his country, as arising from my personal relation to the correspondence detailed.

On that account solely I have to state to the honorable the Secretary of the Navy that although the United States frigate Columbia, Commodore CONNER, in the whole year, the Commander-in-Chief neglected to place himself in personal communication with the high authorities both in Brazil and the Republic of Uruguay.

During the whole five months that the *Savannah* had been at Montevideo, the Commander-in-Chief visited the City for a few hours only, neglecting to cultivate proper relations with the President of the Republic, or necessary, as we have no Charge at that point.

The absence of these amenities among polite people is usually considered as offensive, and yet a greater injury, which the Commander-in-Chief also, in all probability, generously commits is, that without intercourse with the authorities and intelligent inhabitants, he cannot understand and inform his Government of the actual existed condition of a Republican Government lying under the shadow of the Brazilian Imperial Empire. This course of the Commander-in-Chief, involves no tangible culpability; but the honorable the Secretary of the Navy will see that it must be in a high degree injurious to the general interests of our flag, and adverse to the spirit which sends abroad vessels of war, as is supposed, with agents alive to promoting such course as will effectually protect our commerce, and establish, as far as may be, by personal intercourse, relations of amity and friendship.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,

C. G. HUNTER, Lieut. Commanding.

To Hon. JAMES C. DOBBIN, Secretary of the Navy, Washington.

MARKET REPORTS.

Markets...*Carefully Reported for the N. Y. Daily Times.*

THURSDAY, Feb. 1—5 P. M.

ASHES—The market is inactive, but holders are firm, the stock being small, at $7 for Pearls, and $6 62½@6 75 for Pots, ⅌ 100 lbs.

COFFEE—Is [illegible] but steady. The day's sales have been about 2,000 bags Java, [illegible] 40 bags Laguayra [illegible], and 200 Rio, to arrive, at [illegible] ⅌ lb. The rest of all kinds here is estimated at about 68,000 bags, [illegible] a little over half of which amount is Rio.

COTTON—The supply continues quite limited, and though there exist a fair inquiry, the market is rather inactive. Prices are, however, well supported. We quote:

NEW-YORK CLASSIFICATION.

	Orleans.	Texas.	Mobile.	New-Orleans.
Ordinary	7(@7¼	7½	8	8 @ 8½
Middling	8¼@8	8¼@8	9¼	9¼@ 9½
Middling Fair	9¼@9¾	9½	10¼@10½	10¼@10½
Fair	10	10½	11	11½

FLOUR AND MEAL—State and Western brands are less sought after, especially by shippers, who do not like to do much until they get their European correspondence. Hence, there is less activity in the market, and so there is more disposition to realize among holders, prices favor buyers. The day's transactions consist of 3,200 bbls. We quote:

Ordinary State	5 87½@ 6 25
Straight State	6 31½@ 6 37½
Favorite State	6 62½@ 6 75
Mixed Western	6 62½@ 6 75
Common to Good Indiana and Michigan	5 75 @ 6 00
Fancy Michigan	6 00 @ 6 12½
Common to Good Ohio	6 00 @ 6 00
Fancy Ohio	6 00 @ 6 25
Extra Ohio	6 25 @10 50
Extra Indiana and Michigan	6 50 @ 6 75
Fancy Genesee	6 62½@ 6 75
Extra Genesee	10 50 @11 75

Canadian is rather plentier and is a shade lower, with sales of 2,750 bbls. Superfine at $6 75@6 87½, in bond; and $6 37½@6 75, free. ⅌ bbl. Southern is not so brisk, yet it is essentially unchanged in price; 2,000 bbls. were purchased at $6 75@6 87½ for Baltimore, and $6 37½@6 50 for Fancy and extra. ⅌ bbl. Rye Flour and Corn Meal are unaltered.

GRAIN—Wheat remains as last noticed, rather scarce and quiet, owing to the high claims of owners. Rye is inactive and nominal, as before quoted. Barley has not varied. State and Western Oats are in but moderate supply, while being pretty actively inquired for at 80c. ⅌ 34 lbs. ⅌ bushel. Corn exhibits no decidedly new feature. The stock is a little easier, while the home and export demand is tolerably brisk at about former rates. The day's transactions comprise 24,000 bushels at 97c. @98c. for white Southern; 97c. for yellow do.; 95c. @96c. for Jersey yellow, and 60c. for slightly damaged Southern. ⅌ bushel.

HAY—There were 400 bales River taken at 87½c. @90c. for choice, and $1 for local use. ⅌ 100 lbs.

HEMP—Messrs. Lewis S. Morris & Co. have furnished us with the annexed review of this branch of business for January: "The stock of American Hemp, as reported by us on the 1st ult., consisted of 1,550 bales undressed, and 5,373 bales dressed, together, 6,923 bales. The receipts since include 532 bales undressed, and 420 dressed, in all, 952 bales. The month's sales comprised 545 bales undressed at $155@176, the latter price for an extra choice lot; with 662 bales dressed, at 6,900 lbs. tare, with quite heavy loss of cutts then, in small parcels, at $200@[illegible]. The leaving stock of Hemp, on the last day of the month, is 1,775 bales undressed and 5,143 bales dressed; together, 6,917 bales. The only transaction to record in Russian Hemp is a sale of 100 tons to Government at $200, cash. The stock of Manilla Hemp, on the 1st ult. was 6,600 bales. The receipts since have reached 5,649 bales. About 5,170 bales have been sold at 10c.@10¾c., 6 months, ⅌ lb., which is a great decline. The present stock, in first hands is about 7,270 bales. Total consumption of Manilla in the United States, for the year 1854, 20,000 bales, against 16,000 the year previous. The stocks of Jute Hemp are kept down by constant exports. Last sales at $95 @100 ⅌ ton; the stock in hand, 475 tons."

HOPS—The demand continues limited, and is freely supplied at 27c.@28c. ⅌ lb.

IRON—We have no change to notice in the market. The inquiry is very tame, and prices are barely sustained.

LATHS—Eastern rule scarce and quiet, at $1 87½ ⅌ thousand.

LEAD—Continues depressed, and is slowly decreasing in value. The sales are unimportant.

LIME—No arrivals and no sales to report. Prices are unsettled.

MOLASSES—Some 250 barrels New-Orleans brought 26c. ⅌ gallon.

NAVAL STORES—Crude Turpentine is quite dull and heavy as yesterday's reduced prices. There were 300 barrels Spirits Turpentine bought in lots, at 40c.@41c., cash. ⅌ gallon. Tar and Resin are without essential variation.

OILS—Whale, Sperm and Olive, remain as last noticed. Linseed is in very limited demand, mostly at 90c.@91c. ⅌ gallon. There is a fresh inquiry for Winter Lard Oil at 90c.@95c., according to quality, ⅌ gallon.

PROVISIONS—Pork appears about the same, the demand being moderate, while holders are generally firm. Sales embraced 1,000 barrels, at $18 50@ $18 62½ for old Mess; $14@$14 25 for new Mess; $18@ $18 25 for new Prime; and $15 50@$16 for City Mess. ⅌ bbl. Prepared Hogs command 7c.@7½c. ⅌ lb. Cut meats are pretty active at former reduced rates; with sales of 120 packages, at 7½c.@8c. for hams, and 5½c.@6c. for shoulders ⅌ lb. The sales of Bacon include 400 boxes short Middles, in Baltimore, at 7½c. ⅌ lb. Lard is salable and firm, the day's transactions consisting of 420 barrels and tierces, at 9½c.@10c.; and 300 kegs at 10½c.@11c. ⅌ lb. Beef is pretty active and steady, sales having been made of 300 barrels at $5 50@$7 for Country Prime; $8 50@$11 for do. Mess; $12 50 for Vermont do.; $14 00@$15 for repacked Chicago do., and $15 for Extra do., ⅌ barrel. Beeches which there were disposed of 300 tierces Prime Mess Beef, at from $24 50@$25 ⅌ tierce; and 150 barrels Beef Hams at $17 50@$18 ⅌ barrel. Butter and Cheese are rather more sought after at previous figures.

RICE—About 100 tcs. fair to prime were taken at $4 @$4 50 ⅌ 100 lbs.

SOAP—There were 150 boxes Castile purchased at 11c.@11½c. ⅌ lb.

SUGARS—Continue as last noticed, with sales of some 700 hhds. New-Orleans at 8c.@8½c.; and small lots of Cuba at 8½c.@9c. ⅌ lb.

TALLOW—Sales were reported to-day of 18,000 lbs. prime at 12c.@12½c. ⅌ lb.

TOBACCO—The market is pretty brisk and steady. The inspection of manufactured tobacco to-day 2,500 boxes, including 1,000 Kentucky, and 500 Virginia, North Carolina and Ohio.

WHISKEY—There have been 200 bbls. Ohio and Prime disposed of at 30c.@32c. ⅌ gallon, showing a firmer market.

FREIGHTS—The influences referred to in our last report have continued to exert a strong pressure on the market, and only some 600 tons of Cotton have been taken for Liverpool, at 5-16d. ⅌ lb. Flour, 2s. 6d. ⅌ bbl. Grain, 7d. ⅌ bush. Provisions, 40s. ⅌ ton. Cotton to Havre, 5-16d. ⅌ lb. Flour, 2s. ⅌ bbl. Grain, 7d. ⅌ bush. Provisions, 40s. ⅌ ton. Cotton to Genoa, 5-16d. ⅌ lb. Flour, 2s. 6d. ⅌ bbl. Grain, 7d. ⅌ bush. Provisions, 40s. ⅌ ton. Cotton to Ghent, 5-16d. ⅌ lb. Flour, 2s. 6d. ⅌ bbl. Grain, 7d. ⅌ bush. Provisions, 40s. ⅌ ton. Cotton to Bremen, 5-16d. ⅌ lb. Flour, 2s. 6d. ⅌ bbl. Grain, 7d. ⅌ bush. Provisions, 40s. ⅌ ton. Cotton to Cronstadt, 5-16d. ⅌ lb. Flour, 2s. 6d. ⅌ bbl. Grain, 7d. ⅌ bush. Provisions, 40s. ⅌ ton. Cotton to Stockholm, 5-16d. ⅌ lb. Flour, 2s. 6d. ⅌ bbl. Grain, 7d. ⅌ bush. Provisions, 40s. ⅌ ton. Cotton to Gothenburg, 5-16d. ⅌ lb. Flour, 2s. 6d. ⅌ bbl. Grain, 7d. ⅌ bush. Provisions, 40s. ⅌ ton. Cotton to Copenhagen, 5-16d. ⅌ lb. Flour, 2s. 6d. ⅌ bbl. Grain, 7d. ⅌ bush. Provisions, 40s. ⅌ ton. Cotton to Malmo, 5-16d. ⅌ lb. Flour, 2s. 6d. ⅌ bbl. Grain, 7d. ⅌ bush. Provisions, 40s. ⅌ ton. Cotton to Riga, 5-16d. ⅌ lb. Flour, 2s. 6d. ⅌ bbl. Grain, 7d. ⅌ bush. Provisions, 40s. ⅌ ton. Cotton to Reval

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LATEST NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

United States Senator from Wisconsin.

GALENA, Thursday, Feb. 1.

The Senate and Assembly of Wisconsin met in Joint Convention for the election of a United States Senator on Tuesday and Wednesday, but without effecting a choice. They opened to ballot again, to-day, but we have not yet learned with what result.

United States Senator from Illinois.

SPRINGFIELD, Thursday, Feb. 1.

There is no question to-day in Joint Convention of the two Houses of the Legislature for the election of a United States Senator.

Arrival of the Southern Mail—Markets.

NEW-YORK, Thursday, Feb. 1.

By the arrival of the Southern Mail we have to-day received New-Orleans papers of Friday last.

The correspondence of the New-Orleans Bee, at Vera Cruz, states that the revolution is assuming a formidable aspect in the South, and that ALVAREZ and his partisans have determined to advance upon Mexico. VILLARRAS has been made a general by ALVAREZ and placed at the head of the first division of the insurgents, and the report is that he is pushing forward rapidly.

General LA VEGA had left the City of Mexico very unexpectedly, and independent bad created much speculation. Some had intimated he was about to proceed to Tamaulipas, and relieve Gen. WOOL of the government of that department.

It was generally anticipated in the Capital that Colonel TRIAS had pronounced against the Government.

The Pacific Railroad Project.

NEW-ORLEANS, Wednesday, Jan. 31.

An expedition is being organized here by the Government for the purpose of securing further information relative to a railroad route to the Pacific. Captain PIPER with a force of 150 troops is to proceed to Lagun De Retreate to ascertain whether water is obtainable there by means of Artesian wells.

The Alliance's News on New-Orleans.

NEW-ORLEANS, Wednesday, Jan. 31.

The advices by the steamship Africa reached this city on Tuesday night by the National Line, and they exercised a favorable effect on our Cotton market, causing more firmness, but without advancing quotations. The sales of the day foot up 11,000 bales.

Arrival of the Cambria at Halifax.

HALIFAX, Thursday, Feb. 1.

The Royal Mail steamship Canada, from Boston at 10 o'clock A. M. yesterday, arrived here at an early hour this evening, and after taking on board the Provincial mails, and a supply of coal, will take her departure at about 10 o'clock for Liverpool.

Mobile Dispatches.

MOBILE, Wednesday, Jan. 31.

The bark William H. Harris, from Galveston for Boston, sprung a leak, on the 21st ult., at 5 o'clock in the morning, with the bark Colonia, then in company, and in consequence of which, the Harris had to be abandoned, with five hundred bales of cotton on board. Her crew were saved by the Colonia, and brought in this port.

A Hurricane.

CAPE ISABEL, Thursday, Feb. 1.

A gale blowing down on all this coast the Cape Isabel Light House discovered the remains of a mast, which is supposed to be those of a Mr. Sawyer who sailed from here very strongly some sixteen years ago. The mast, and bolts still remain around the pintles.

NEW-YORK CITY.

CITY POLITICS.

Meeting of the Union Democrats.

The Hard Shell Committee held a regular meeting last evening, at the Shepherd Institute—Mr. P. GRANT, Esq., President, occupied the chair.

The Committee on By-Laws reported progress.

Mr. ROBERTS, of the Ninth, stated that in the Eleventh Ward a new election to the contested seats in that body from that Ward had taken place, and he came with honorable at the last meeting. The newly elected Delegates were therefore admitted to participate in the deliberations of the Committee.

Resolutions were adopted approving the proceedings of the State Central Committee in their late meeting at Albany. The meeting passed some severe resolutions relative to BERNARD O'MARA, a member of the Committee lately deceased.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Democratic Wide Protectorate in Trouble.

A meeting of the Democratic Republican Committee was held last evening at Tammany Hall. The by-laws for the ensuing year were read and adopted. Finance and Printing Committees were appointed. A member offered a resolution of inquiry as to the number of Whigs employed in the Post-Office Department. The resolution of inquiry, after some discussion, was adopted. The Hard Shell was accused of being an extreme party man, and there was thrown out of his being a traitor to the Democratic party. When the report is made some light will be thrown on this branch of political affairs. The Committee adjourned at a late hour.

The "Christian Home" and Mrs. Lofland.

We have received a communication from Mrs. LOFLAND, in relation to the affairs of the Christian Home for Female Servants. It is in reply to the statement upon that lady's conduct, contained in the resolutions of Messrs. PETER COOPER, JACOB A. WESTERVELT, CORNELIUS VANDERBILT, A. T. TYLER, Dr. TUTTS, HAWES, and others published yesterday. Mrs. LOFLAND asks us to publish a refutation, which may be as well expressed in twenty lines as in two hundred. We accordingly take the liberty of condensing. The lady states, to begin with, that the sources through which she has been called to pass, during the last seven years, lead her to the conclusion that defects in early training have much to do with human misery. Her mind was led into a deep study of the true causes of this misery. This study resulted in the foundation of the "Christian Home." Fifteen months since, Mrs. LOFLAND visited Mayor WESTERVELT at his residence, and asked his approval of the plan; afterward saw Peter COOPER, Mrs. RAPHAEL (a daughter of the late Stephen Van Rensselaer,) and others, through this lady, she called for interview with the Bishop, and he in that time, approached us idea of forming a Society of Christian Philanthropists, the Ladies' Society was formed, at the suggestion of Mr. MINTURN, at Mrs. LOFLAND's residence. Mrs. LOFLAND says that Mr. COOPER, Mr. RAPHAEL, and others, have aided her in this plan, while ministers have not shown marked sympathy for the object, of her institution. In conclusion, the lady attributes the opposition she has encountered to the jealousy of another institution.

There are two points for the defense. For one, she claims the support of persons interested on the other side of the question, thereby charge this lady with the responsibility of some which still remain unfinished, and which, she has not sought to perform. Secondly, she claims that the public are not in a position to form an estimate, pronouncing whether the matter is usual or not in it.

Mass Meeting of Young Men.

A regular meeting of the Young Men's Party was held at the Repository, No. 681 Broadway, last evening. ROBERT L. PARK, Esq., President, occupied the Chair. Ten new members from twenty were balloted for, and unanimously elected. The Trustees made a report on claims, &c., against the Institution, which was accepted and ordered on file. On motion of Mr. BURTISS, it was resolved that the Institute hold its next Annual Fair in October, next, and that a Committee be appointed to select a suitable location, and report at the next meeting. Messrs. J. A. BURTISS, EDWIN SMITH and Gen. WM. HALL were appointed as such Committee. Letters were read from the city of Montreal, the Mechanics' Institute of Montreal, the Pennsylvania State Agricultural Society, the Franklin Institute of Pennsylvania, the Philadelphia Society for Promoting Agriculture, and the Maryland Historical Society, acknowledging the receipt of transactions of the Institute, and also contributing valuable donations to the Library. Mr. DE LA TOUR transmitted the Geographie de la Isle de Cuba for the Library. The Secretary was directed to transmit the thanks of the Institute for the donations. An amendment to the by-laws, proposing the establishment of a Literary Club, was, according to rule, laid over for one month, under direction of the Library Committee.

Lectures last Evening.

Rev. HENRY WARD BEECHER delivered a lecture last evening at the Broadway Tabernacle, before the New-England Young Men's Association, on the subject of "Patriotism." There was a large attendance, and the lecture, though occupying over two hours in delivery, was listened to throughout with earnest and marked attention.

Rev. Dr. MONAHAN gave last evening, at Clinton Hall, another of his series of instructive lectures on the subject of "The World's Indebtedness to the Church."

A lecture on "The Means of Ameliorating the Condition of the Colored Race," was also delivered by FREDERICK DOUGLASS, before the Young Men's Literary Productive Society, in the First Colored Congregational Church in Sixth-street.

The Sunday Liquor Traffic.

On a careful examination at the Mayor's Office, of the reports of the Police Captains of the different Wards and of the Reserve Corps, detailed for special duty on Sunday last, it appears that the decrease in the number of dram-shops which were open on Sunday last for the sale of ardent spirits &c., was truly astonishing.

We are enabled to state from official information that in the Eighth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth, Nineteenth, Twentieth and Twenty-first Wards, the returns made to the Chief of Police, exhibit the fact that in these Wards, although having a large population, not a single case of violation of the law was reported. In other Wards throughout the City, the minutes of the Police Department, who were detailed for the special duty of patrolling the City to discover where liquor was sold, were unable after the most rigid scrutiny to report but few violations of the law and the orders of our energetic Mayor.

The City Comptroller's Robbery Explained.

The rumor that was circulated in town in relation to a robbery of $180,000 from the pocket of Comptroller FLAGG, while he was crossing the Park, was explained yesterday as follows: It appears that warrants to the amount of some $200,000 were drawn on the Mechanics' Bank by Mr. FLAGG, and after being prepared for the Mayor's signature, they were accidentally placed in a pigeon-hole with other papers. Subsequently the documents were missed, and the Comptroller, supposing he had put them in his pocket when visiting the Mayor's Office that day on official business, came to the conclusion that they had been stolen. They were, however, found all safe, and the rumor is thus accounted for.

Mayor Wood's Course—Letter from a Gentleman in Baltimore.

Mayor WOOD has received the following letter from a gentleman of wealth and influence in Baltimore:

BALTIMORE, Monday, Jan. 29, 1855.

Hon. FERDINAND WOOD—Dear Sir: Stranger as I am to you, I cannot forbear to express my admiration of the very fearless and efficient manner in which you have undertaken to correct the moral disorders which have so long disgraced the City of New-York. Your conduct has not only electrified, but delighted the friends of law and order and good Government.

The firmness of purpose and determinating character which you have displayed in sustaining (if might say in reviving) the law, and in the annihilation of evil practices, have not only established for you a widely spread reputation, but have marked you most decidedly as one of the leading spirits of the day and in municipal matters, the sun of the age.

Such practices and abuses of law as you have undertaken to correct and reform in the City of New-York, exist also in other cities, though perhaps not to so great an extent, and call loudly for corrective measures, but unfortunately the call is seldom responded to, and the most flagrant abuses of law and the vilest practices are permitted to exist to torment and lacerate society with their most injurious and demoralizing consequences.

I sincerely trust you may be sustained by the citizens of New-York in your laudable efforts to purge that City of its corruption. I am sure the public sentiment all over the country is with you, and fully appreciates the magnitude of the work you have commenced, and my earnest hope is that your example, as worthy as imitation, will be followed by those in other cities in whom the people have invested executive power.

"Like master like man" is an adage so true that few will question it; and fearlessness, energy and firmness, in the discharge of duty on the part of the Mayor, will always inspire the executive of similar qualities in the subordinates.

"Scratchers" at the Hotels.

The proprietors and permanent Winter guests of the Metropolitan Hotel afforded their friends, on Wednesday evening, another of those delightful sociable parties, or "Hops," which we have before had occasion to notice among the Winter features of fashionable hotel life in New-York. The occasion, though without pretension or much previous preparation, was enjoyed with a hearty zest by the company, and the dancing kept up until a late—or rather early—hour, say 1 o'clock in the morning. The Prescott House gave a similar entertainment the first of last week and well-kept establishment this season, on Thursday evening. The Collamore Hymns preceded it last week.

Another Broadway Mock Auctioneer.

Yesterday morning, a greenhorn from the interior of Indiana applied at the Mayor's office for redress for the loss of $70, of which he had been fleeced at the mock auction store of H. A. PERRY, No. 397 Broadway, where a brass watch was palmed off on him for sixteen carat gold. Colonel MIRE, the Mayor's Clerk, dispatched an officer to the shop with instructions to cause the money to be refunded. The money was forthcoming, and so another case ended.

Roguery on an Eastern Bank.

Yesterday afternoon two men were taken before Judge BOGART at the Tombs, charged with passing counterfeit $1 notes on the Mechanics' Bank of Newburyport, Mass. The prisoners were followed through South-street by a Policeman, and after they had exchanged several of the notes, it was ascertained that they were good forgeries and the officers were taken into custody.

The Police Commissioners.

The Police Commissioners, when in power, were nice yesterday, but did not settle the question of the appointment of 5 Police Captains to the Third, Fourth, Ward, Second Precinct, Sixth Precinct, Ninth Ward, and Eleventh. Within two days Hall and the Board adjourned to meet this afternoon for trials.

The Blind Boxers Exhibition of Boxing, on another column of BRAYTON and other fashionable amusements, gave a large number of a crowded party of Hoxie and invited guests in one of the parlors of the Astor House on Wednesday evening, which we understand gave delighted promise of professional success. Indeed, this every way interesting young lady, since public readings as a source of pecuniary support.

The Fire Annihilator Again.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

You state in the Times of this morning that one of them (the Phillips' Fire Annihilator) exploded in Kennedy's City Express Office; this was not the fact—a machine had been sent to the office, and while standing there some persons set it off in the usual mode. The machine did not explode, and no damage was done beside extinguishing the fire in the stove. E.

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THE WATER-CURE JOURNAL.—Contents of No. 1, Volume XIX: Respiration, with Illustrations—Bad Weather—Influence of Changes in Climate and Seasons—The Discussion—Quackery—the Suppression—Nurture of Children. DYSPEPSIA—Fishing—What shall we eat—Bread Making—Sense—Nonsense—Cancer Wood Chippers—Effect of Cleanliness. DRESS REFORM—Fashion—From a Bloomer—Dialogue—Chinese Fashions—Spectator, a Letter—Water-Cure in the West—In Rhode Island—In Minnesota—In Jamaica. FEBRUARY TOPICS—Fashion and Passion—Death on the Railroads—Professional Matters—Experience—Warming Establishments in Winter—Midwifery—Home Young, etc., etc. TERMS—One Dollar a year. Published by FOWLERS & WELLS, No. 308 Broadway, New-York.

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AN OPPORTUNITY SELDOM MET WITH.—In consequence of the dissolution of the firm of THOMAS & JAMES, and to close up their business, the large stock of dry goods now in the store corner of Chambers and Hudson-streets will be sold off without any regard to cost, as they must positively be sold to close the concern. Housekeepers should not let this opportunity slip, as the stock comprises a great variety and will be sold probably at one quarter its value.

(Advertisement.)

A SPLENDID STORY.—"Seventeen and Seventy, or My Two Boyfriends," a charming original story, by Miss VIRGINIA F. TOWNSEND, in present issue in the *True Flag* for the coming week. Single copies can be obtained at all the News Depots for four cents each. Wholesale orders answered by DEVEYE & BROTHER, Nos. 14 and 16 Ann-street.

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TEAS.—The best assortment of Fine Teas will be found at the Genuine Tea Company's newly opened and elegant store, No. 182 Chatham-street, (between Pearl and Roosevelt-streets,) the oldest Tea establishment in the City. We assure our readers they can better have their interest, either at wholesale or retail.

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$10.—One hundred lessons in Writing for $10, or time unlimited, at BROWN's splendid rooms, No. 515 Broadway, opposite the St. Nicholas. Mr. BROWN received the highest prize, the only silver medal, awarded for writing at the World's Fair.

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HOLLOWAY'S PILL—BAD HEALTH.—Persons in bad health should lose no time in taking this wonderful remedy. Many who were at "death's door" have been restored by this means; they not were the cause spring of life, being placed in a condition of the liver and stomach. Sold by the manufacturers, No. 80 Maiden-lane, New-York, and No. 244 Strand, London, at 25c., 62c., and $1 per box.

NEW-JERSEY.

The Morris Canal.

The earnings and expenses of the Morris Canal during last year, as ascertained at the office of the Morris Canal and Banking Company, in Jersey City, are as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Tolls and other Revenue	$668,615 56
Repairs upon the Canal	$42,519 23
Operating the Canal	62,400 67 — $104,919 90
Profit for 1854	$563,695 66
Deduct Interest	$89,047 50
Deduct Dividends	74,625 00
Deduct Improvements	38,025 16 — $201,844 16
Surplus	$361,851 50

On the 23d of January, a semi-annual dividend of five per cent on Preferred Stock was declared payable on the 6th instant.

The Labor Market—Demand and Supply.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

I have noticed with much satisfaction your opinions touching the Labor Market—and your advice as to the best and most practical mode of relieving the pressure of distress consequent upon the falling off of employment in this crowded Metropolis.

You recommend the unemployed to proceed to the country, and seek there what they cannot obtain here—work—for which they can secure something approaching adequate wages. In this recommendation I fully concur; but it strikes me that a practical mode of carrying your benevolent suggestion into fulfillment is needed.

Permit me to throw out the idea of the formation of a "Labor Relief Society" of sincere and active philanthropists, willing and determined to impose on themselves the task of ascertaining where the demand for agricultural and other labor exists; what the nature of the work may be, and what the prices paid or to be paid for such labor are likely to realize.

Such an Association would, in my view, be powerful for much good—not only to the self-reliant and honorable operative, but to this community. An intelligent and active Secretary and a competent traveling agent might immediately communicate with proper parties in every State of the Union and every important section of each State, and thus learn where hands are wanted, and that kind of employment where supply does not come up to demand.

The New-York civic Executive authorities and the Commissioners of Emigration would be bound to render such a body every aid and facility in their power in carrying out so praiseworthy an object.

In the work I indicate, I am prepared to perform an humble but earnest part, and to subscribe to the funds of such an institution according to the extent of my poor means. Knowing it to be my duty, I desire to discharge it in the best manner I can.

Yours, faithfully, P. LYNCH,
Editor Irish American.

The Mysteries of the Court of Queen Anne, by WILLIAM H. AINSWORTH, is published in cheap style by T. B. PETERSON. It is the same which, under the name of *St. James*, is well known to the readers of AINSWORTH. Price 50 cents.

MARRIED.

At New-Haven, Conn., by Rev. S. W. S. Dutton, Mr. JOSEPH P. EVANS, of New-York, to Miss ELIZABETH C., oldest daughter of C. F. Lines, of New-Haven.

DIED.

DEATH OF ANOTHER GOOD MERCHANT.—It is a pleasant duty to record tribute to the memory of a good man. Mr. LEONARD JARVIS WEBB FOX died in Charleston, Mass., character, of private life living. He left home in early youth for more life. His young life was gone by, when General Jarvis, of Baltimore, took him into partnership in the dry goods business. A few years afterward this firm became with Mr. Charles Ridgely, in the same line, which was of short duration, for his health, enfeebled and shattered, compelled him to seek a more congenial clime. In the City he has been an active member of our Bar, and the Hon. Judge Daly, in his long personal intercourse with the deceased, speaks of his character in terms of the highest praise. He was a man of great purity of mind, and of a most generous and kind heart. He was a man of great purity of mind, and of a most generous and kind heart. He was a man of great purity of mind, and of a most generous and kind heart